

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity *B*

The Collect

Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers
of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **AMEN**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah [50. 4-9a]

The servant of the Lord said:

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens –
wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,

and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Reader/ This is the Word of the Lord *Response /* **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 116 1 - 8

R/ I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication,
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me;
I came to grief and sorrow.

R/ I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Then I called upon the name of the Lord:
'O Lord, I pray you, save my life.'
Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

R/ I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

The Lord watches over the innocent;
I was brought very low and he helped me.
Turn again to your rest, O my soul, for the Lord has treated you well.

R/ I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

For you have rescued my life from death,
my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

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A reading from the letter of St James [3. 1 - 12]

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is

itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue – a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs?

No more can salt water yield fresh.

Reader/ This is the Word of the Lord *Response /* **Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn

Alleluia, alleluia!

God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself,
and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled.

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you: **And also with you**

Hear the Holy Gospel according to St Mark *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that I am?’ And they answered him, ‘John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.’

Jesus asked them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’

Peter answered him, ‘You are the Messiah.’

And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, ‘Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.

For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?

Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?

Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

[St Mark 8. 27-38]

This is the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ**

AT THE EUCHARIST TODAY 15th September 2024 Proper 19 B

HYMNS: (*St Arvans*) 343; 94; 461; 361

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Grant peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
and your prophets will proclaim you as you deserve.
Hear the prayers of your servant and of your people Israel.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS:

Look with favour on our supplications, O Lord,
and in your kindness accept these, your servants' offerings,
that what each has offered to the honour of your name
may serve the salvation of all.

Through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

POST-COMMUNION SENTENCE:

How excellent is your mercy, O God:
the children of men shall take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

Notices:

Meditation on Wednesday evening at 7.15pm in St Arvans Church. We meditate for around 20 minutes. Do come and take a few minutes for silent contemplation or prayer in the middle of our busy lives.

The Ministry Area Prayer Group

We pray for our own local communities and churches, for the wider church, for those who have asked for our prayers, for those in need locally, nationally and globally. If there is anything you would like us to pray for – come and join us, just for one week if you like, you don't have to become a regular member.

Or send your request to david@bedlambeds.com

Future prayer meetings will be held in:

19th September: St Christophers

26th September St Mary's Priory Chepstow

The Ministry Area Bible Study Group meets every Tuesday in Shirenewton Church Rooms at 2.45pm

Everyone is most welcome - we are a small and very friendly group, and our study is very practically based: what does the bible mean for the way we should be living our lives today.

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## MINISTRY AREA BIRTHDAY PARTIES

A free cream tea and a chance to meet others from across the Ministry Area. To book please contact Revd Zoe [severn.wye.MAL@gmail.com](mailto:severn.wye.MAL@gmail.com) or 07754 306229

Parties will be held every other month on 10th November, 12th January - please come to the party closest to your birthday !

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