

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

The Collect

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 book of Genesis [2. 18-24]

The LORD God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner.

So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.' Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

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

Psalm 8

R/ How exalted is your name in all the world

O Lord our governor, how glorious is your name in all the world!
Your majesty above the heavens is praised
out of the mouths of babes at the breast.
You have founded a stronghold against your foes,
that you might still the enemy and the avenger.

R/ How exalted is your name in all the world

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have ordained,
What is man, that you should be mindful of him;
the son of man, that you should seek him out?

R/ How exalted is your name in all the world

You have made him little lower than the angels
and crown him with glory and honour.
You have given him dominion over the works of your hands
and put all things under his feet,

R/ How exalted is your name in all the world

All sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field,
The birds of the air, the fish of the sea
and whatsoever moves in the paths of the sea.
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A reading from the letter to the Hebrews [1; 1-4; 2. 5-12]

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, 'What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honour, subjecting all things under their feet.' Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he

might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers, saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brethren,

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Alleluia, alleluia!

The Son of Man came to serve,
and to give his life as a ransom for many

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you: **And with your spirit**

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Mark *Glory to you, O Lord*

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them.

But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them,

'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them;

for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.

Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.'

And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

[St Mark 10. 12 - 16]

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

AT THE EUCHARIST TODAY 6th October 2024 *Proper 22 B*

HYMNS: *St Arvans* - 374; 372; 263; 355

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.

For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS:

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the sacrifices instituted by your commands
and, through the sacred mysteries, which we celebrate with dutiful service,
graciously complete the sanctifying work

by which you are pleased to redeem us.

Through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

Celebrant : Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins
of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**[Response : Lord I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.]**

POST-COMMUNION SENTENCE:

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood
of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit:

may we honour you, not only with our lips

but in lives dedicated to the service

of Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

Services Today

St Arvans: 10am Sung Eucharist (available to view on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/vicaragecello1>)

St Mary, Penterry : Holy Eucharist 11.30am

St James, Devauden: Harvest Festival 4pm

You can find details of services across the whole Ministry Area on our website www.severnwyema.co.uk

The Ministry Area Prayer Group meets every Thursday 7.45pm – 9pm

Future prayer meetings will be held in:

10th October St. James, Devauden

17th October St. Arvans

24th October St. Tewdric, Mathern

31st October St. Thomas a Becket, Shirenewton

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.

Friday 18th October: An Evening of Music. Sarah Waycott on Flute, Olivia Dance of Piano. St Pierre Church 7pm. Tickets £10 in aid of the church.