

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

17th August 2025

Collect Prayer

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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.**

First Reading (Jeremiah 23.23-29)

A reading from Prophecy of Jeremiah
Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God
far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I
cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven
and earth? says the LORD. I have heard what the
prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name,
saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How
long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back-
-those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the
deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my
people forget my name by their dreams that they
tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my
name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell
the dream, but let the one who has my word speak
my word faithfully. What has straw in common with
wheat? says the LORD. Is not my word like fire, says
the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in
pieces?

Psalm (Psalm 82)



Response: Arise, O God and judge the earth.

God has taken his stand in the council of heaven;
In the midst of the gods he gives judgement:
How long will you judge unjustly
and show such favour to the wicked? **/R**

You were to judge the weak and the orphan;
Defend the right of the humble and needy.
Rescue the weak and the poor;
Deliver them from the hand of the wicked. **/R**

They have no knowledge or wisdom;
They walk on still in darkness:
Arise, O God and judge the earth,
You shall take all nations for your possession. **/R**

Second Reading (Hebrews 11:29-12:2)

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if
it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted
to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of
Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven
days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish
with those who were disobedient, because she had
received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me
to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David
and Samuel and the prophets - who through faith
conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained
promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging
fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength
out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign
armies to flight. Women received their dead by
resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to
accept release, in order to obtain a better
resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging,
and even chains and imprisonment. They were
stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were
killed by the sword; they went about in skins of
sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented -
of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered
in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in
the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for
their faith, did not receive what was promised, since
God had provided something better so that they
would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a
cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight
and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with
perseverance the race that is set before us, looking
to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who
for the sake of the joy that was set before him
endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has
taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of
God.

Gospel Reading (Luke 12:49-56)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.
"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it
were already kindled! I have a baptism with which
to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is
completed! Do you think that I have come to bring
peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather

division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Post Communion Prayer

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole household of God:
in that new world where you reveal
the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our
Lord.

Amen.

For your prayers

In our Prayers:

Tommy Lacken, Martin Fletcher, Terry Folan, Sheila Hoppenbrouwers, Eamon Irvine, Fr Michael Shier, Carol Martin, Philomena Sorrenti, Maggie Stevenson, Hope Oram, Sherry Lacken, Doug Williams, Neville Thomas, Lynn Williamson, Juan Carlos Mandich, Nancy Mandich, Eliane Ferreira Batista, Joanne Dack, Jaqueline Ives, Joan Rivellini, Tommy Naylor

Among the departed:

Birk Justus, Tony Smith, Helen Fletcher, Barbara Leater

Anniversaries of Death:

Frederick Wood, Frederick Frazer, Clara Redrup, Rosina Clark, Rosina Alderson, Agnes Furnell, Charles Hegman Turner, Frances Hardman, Albert Rutland, Emma Sarah Warick, George Higgins

In our parish:

We pray for Ironmonger Row, Norman Street and Finsbury Leisure Centre

In the wider world:

We pray for the Middle East and a peaceful resolution of the conflict in Gaza. We pray for all those suffering in those conflicts.

Notices

This week in church...

Wednesday

12.30pm Mass

Next Sunday Tenth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Sung Mass

Can you help?

Would you be able to help with church cleaning or with welcoming and refreshments on Sunday mornings? We're looking for volunteers to help share out these jobs. Please speak to Sherry if you'd like to help set up or clear away on Sunday or Maureen if you would like to help with church cleaning.

Parish Giving

The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is an established service for managing One-Off donations and Direct Debit giving to St Clement's. It is free and reduces the burden of work on church volunteers and provides a simple and secure service to givers. For more information speak to Emke or Father David or go to

[www.https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/home/](https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/home/)

**A date for your diary,
30th August @ 7pm**

