

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

10th August 2025

Collect Prayer

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct,
sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection,
both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

First Reading (Genesis 15:1-6)

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Psalm (Psalm 33)



May your - love be up - on us, O Lord.

Response: May your love be upon us, O Lord

The word of the Lord is faithful
And all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
And fills the earth with his love /R

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
On those who hope in his love,
To rescue their souls from death,
To keep them alive in famine. /R

Our soul is waiting for the Lord
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
As we place our hope in you/R

Second Reading (Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16)

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old--and Sarah herself was barren--because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Gospel Reading (Luke 12:32-40)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.
"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "Be dressed for action and

have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Post Communion Prayer

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have
sung your praise
be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen
the tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed
with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever. **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:

John Menlah, James Carmichael, Daphne Cook, John Miah, Emily Wood, Mary Washington, Gertrude Eliza Webb

In our parish:

We pray for Chadworth House, Gastigny House and Lagonier House

In the wider world:

We pray for the Middle East and a peaceful resolution of the conflict in Gaza and between Israel and Iran. We pray for all those suffering in those conflicts especially the children.

Notices

This week in church...

Wednesday - No Open Church during August
12.30pm Mass

Next Sunday Ninth Sunday after Trinity
10.30am Sung Mass

King Square Coffee

Community Room, Blackwell House
(between President House and Rahere House)
Tuesday afternoons 1.30-3.30pm
Friday afternoons 12.30-2pm
A chance to chat with your neighbour and catch up over coffee, tea, soup and sweet treats. Everyone welcome!

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.

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