

Parishes of Kirkby Ireleth and Broughton & Duddon

THE SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT

6TH SEPTEMBER – TRINITY 14

Service of the Word

Hymns

684 Thou, whose almighty word
964 Gloria
419 Lord, the light of your love is shining
617 Stand up, stand up for Jesus

Collect

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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

Old Testament reading – Joan

Job 21

Then Job answered:

'Listen carefully to my words,
and let this be your consolation.
Bear with me, and I will speak;
then after I have spoken, mock on.
As for me, is my complaint addressed to mortals?
Why should I not be impatient?
Look at me, and be appalled,
and lay your hand upon your mouth.
When I think of it I am dismayed,
and shuddering seizes my flesh.
Why do the wicked live on,
reach old age, and grow mighty in power?
Their children are established in their presence,
and their offspring before their eyes.
Their houses are safe from fear,
and no rod of God is upon them.
Their bull breeds without fail;
their cow calves and never miscarries.
They send out their little ones like a flock,
and their children dance around.
They sing to the tambourine and the lyre,
and rejoice to the sound of the pipe.
They spend their days in prosperity,

and in peace they go down to Sheol.

They say to God, "Leave us alone!

We do not desire to know your ways.

What is the Almighty, that we should serve him?

And what profit do we get if we pray to him?"

Is not their prosperity indeed their own
achievement?

The plans of the wicked are repugnant to me.

'How often is the lamp of the wicked put out?

How often does calamity come upon them?

How often does God distribute pains in his
anger?

How often are they like straw before the wind,
and like chaff that the storm carries away?

You say, "God stores up their iniquity for their
children."

Let it be paid back to them, so that they may
know it.

Let their own eyes see their destruction,
and let them drink of the wrath of the
Almighty.

For what do they care for their household after
them,

when the number of their months is cut off?

Will any teach God knowledge,

seeing that he judges those that are on high?

One dies in full prosperity,

being wholly at ease and secure,
his loins full of milk

and the marrow of his bones moist.

Another dies in bitterness of soul,
never having tasted of good.

They lie down alike in the dust,
and the worms cover them.

'Oh, I know your thoughts,

and your schemes to wrong me.

For you say, "Where is the house of the prince?

Where is the tent in which the wicked lived?"

Have you not asked those who travel the roads,
and do you not accept their testimony,

that the wicked are spared on the day of
calamity,

and are rescued on the day of wrath?

Who declares their way to their face,

and who repays them for what they have done?
 When they are carried to the grave,
 a watch is kept over their tomb.
 The clods of the valley are sweet to them;
 everyone will follow after,
 and those who went before are innumerable.
 How then will you comfort me with empty nothings?
 There is nothing left of your answers but falsehood.'

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 73 - Pam

1 Truly God is good to the upright,
 to those who are pure in heart.
2 But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled;
 my steps had nearly slipped.
3 For I was envious of the arrogant;
 I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
4 For they have no pain;
 their bodies are sound and sleek.
5 They are not in trouble as others are;
 they are not plagued like other people.
6 Therefore pride is their necklace;
 violence covers them like a garment.
7 Their eyes swell out with fatness;
 their hearts overflow with follies.
8 They scoff and speak with malice;
 loftily they threaten oppression.
9 They set their mouths against heaven,
 and their tongues range over the earth.
10 Therefore the people turn and praise them,
 and find no fault in them.
11 And they say, 'How can God know?
 Is there knowledge in the Most High?'
12 Such are the wicked;
 always at ease, they increase in riches.
13 All in vain I have kept my heart clean
 and washed my hands in innocence.
14 For all day long I have been plagued,
 and am punished every morning.
15 If I had said, 'I will talk on in this way',
 I would have been untrue to the circle of your children.
16 But when I thought how to understand this,
 it seemed to me a wearisome task,
17 until I went into the sanctuary of God;
 then I perceived their end.
18 Truly you set them in slippery places;

you make them fall to ruin.

19 How they are destroyed in a moment,
 swept away utterly by terrors!
20 They are like a dream when one awakes;
 on awaking you despise their phantoms.
21 When my soul was embittered,
 when I was pricked in heart,
22 I was stupid and ignorant;
 I was like a brute beast towards you.
23 Nevertheless I am continually with you;
 you hold my right hand.
24 You guide me with your counsel,
 and afterwards you will receive me with honour.
25 Whom have I in heaven but you?
 And there is nothing on earth that I desire
 other than you.
26 My flesh and my heart may fail,
 but God is the strength of my heart and my
 portion for ever.
27 Indeed, those who are far from you will perish;
 you put an end to those who are false to you.
28 But for me it is good to be near God;
 I have made the Lord God my refuge,
 to tell of all your works.

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Gospel reading – Stuart

John 20. 24 - 29

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.