

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

3 October 2021

HYMNS

Ps Sharon at Transfiguration

Fr Irwin at St Luke's,

Roger's Choice of music

SENTENCE

Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.

COLLECT

Loving God,
you have made us in your own
image,

creating us female and male,
and you have consecrated the
covenant of marriage

so that in it is signified the spiritual marriage between Christ
and his Church:

pour your grace upon all who are called to this holy state,
that, keeping their promise of faithfulness to each other,
they may reflect in their lives your love for us all;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS

A reading from the book Genesis:

Then 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 each 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 mother and his father and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Genesis 2.18-24

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

We say the verses of Psalm 8 alternately:

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.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have ordained,

What are human beings, that you should be mindful of them; mortals, that you should seek them out?

You have made them little lower than the angels and crown them with glory and honour.

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands and put all things under their feet,

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.

O Lord our governor, how glorious is your name in all the world!

Psalm 8

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews:

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 sisters and brothers, saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my sisters and brothers, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.'

Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

Alleluia, alleluia!

If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love.

Alleluia!

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Some Pharisees came, and to test him 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 cling 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.

Mark 10.2-16

This is the Gospel of the Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

PRAYERS

Anglican Church: The Church in Wales (Primacy Vacant); Mission Agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia; Diocesan Property Committee; Holy Trinity Anglican Church Hastings (Timothy Anderson); Christ Church Brunswick - Pastoral Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell); Oakleigh Anglican Parish of Holy Trinity and Emmanuel Church, (Pastoral Visit, Bp Paul Barker).

For the parish: Give thanks for our parish leadership: Ps Sharon, Fr Irwin & Fr Barry, the Church Wardens and Parish Council, and the leaders of parish groups and teams; and pray that they may be inspired by the leadership of Jesus.

For the sick & in need, and those who have ongoing need for strength, courage and peace of heart, mind and soul in their journey: Keiran & Paul, Gail L, Fiona T, Sally N, Joan B, John & Barbara B, Alec & Deirdre B, Jenny S, Jane M, Boris Z, Judy B, Pauline R, Elizabeth N, Norma M, Tina M, Rosalind B, Terry M, Lorraine D, Ian B, Ray W and those known to us in need of our prayers.

Year's Mind

4th Alex Mackay (1986)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

3rd Ruth Taylor

6th Ken Farrow