

St German's Church

7 June 2020 - The Most Holy Trinity



"The problem is that many folks try to grasp some sense of who I am by taking the best version of themselves, projecting that to the nth degree, factoring in all the goodness they can perceive, which often isn't much, and then calling that God. And while it may seem like a noble effort, the truth is that it falls pitifully short of who I really am. I'm not merely the best version of you that you can think of. I am far more than that, above and beyond all that you can ask or think." (From 'The Shack' by William Paul Young.) The Goodness, Mercy & Forgiveness of God passes all understanding. The novel by Wm P. Young tries to get across something of the utter mystery of God's reality - conveying the immensity of it all without resorting to cliché or paradox.

Parish Notes:

Preaching - Many thanks to Geraint for preaching (again) for us on Trinity. This is his third year in a row preaching on this particular day. Maybe he'll get a break next year. We wish him the very best as he prepares for his ordination to the diaconate (hopefully soon).

Corpus Christi - We will celebrate the feast of the body and blood of Jesus Christ next Sunday 14 June (transferred from this coming Thursday).

Meeting of Households - if any church households would like a safe place to meet then St German's Memorial garden could possibly be a perfect venue. Just let us know when you'd like. The Garden is open each day to all who seek peace and quiet.

Lockdown Transition - With the good news that schools are opening on 29 June we are still hopeful that places of worship will be allowed to open again for small acts of worship or quiet prayer. It is important that our buildings remain always available and exist to be of service to the people of our local area. Our PCC will discuss this when we next meet and how we might best plan for safety and social distancing guidelines.

Parochial Church Council - Next meets on Zoom on Monday 22 June at 7pm. Usual updates will be discussed as well as lockdown transition and compliance.

Zoom Coffee Mornings - St German's next meets on Wed 17 June at 10:30am. If you'd like to participate please let Fr Phelim know. It is very easy to join: all you need is a computer or phone with camera and the link we send by email explains the next steps. If you need help on the day and time please call Fr Phelim on the landline.

Lift Up Your Hearts - Spiritual Support during the pandemic. This week's reflections are from the dean of Christ Church Cathedral in Oxford, The Very Rev'd Prof. Martyn Percy.

Easter Course - Many thanks to all those who joined our course this year. We always had 9 or so participants. The next faith nurturing group will be a book group looking at 'In Search of a Way' by Gerard Hughes SJ. This will begin in July.

Foodbank - Please continue to donate food locally. Please see Cardiff Foodbank website for details of open collection sites and how and when to drop off food for those in need.

Sunday Readings - Page now updated on the website. Readings go up to mid September.

Recently Departed - Joyce Fish, Dudley Walwyn, Bernard Lewis (RIP)

Llandaff Diocese

Prayer Cycle:

Sun 7

The Holy Trinity

Aberamon & Cwmaman;
Anglican Church of Mexico

Mon 8:

Abercynon, Peter Lewis (V)

Tue 9:

Aberdare, Robert Davies(V),
St Columba

Wed 10:

Staff of the CinW at
Callaghan Sq., Simon Lloyd
St Ephrem the Syrian

Thur 11:

Aberdare St Fagan, Richard
Green (V)

Friday 12:

Cwmbach, Ven. Christopher
Smith

St BARNABAS

Saturday 13:

Hirwaun, (vacant)

Sun 14

Corpus Christi

(transferred)

Moutain Ash & Miskin,

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Exod 34:4b-6, 8-9
Dan 3:52, 53, 54, 55
2 Cor 13:11-13
John 3:16-18

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Deut 8:2-3, 14-16
Ps 147:12-15, 19-20
1 Cor 10:16-17
John 6:51-58

PSALM:

To you glory and
praise for evermore.

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; through Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Exodus.

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'The Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Exodus 34

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

To you glory and praise for evermore.

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.

Blest your glorious holy name.

You are blest in the temple of your glory.

You are blest on the throne of your kingdom.

You are blest who gaze into the depths.

You are blest in the firmament of heaven.

SECOND READING

A reading from the 2nd letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

This is the word of the Lord.

2 Cor 13

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; the God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'

This is the gospel of the Lord.

John 3