

Reflection Trinity 17 Mark 9:30-37

In this Sunday's Gospel, the disciples start to argue among themselves about who is the greatest on the road to Capernaum. When Jesus asks what they were arguing about they remain silent. But He knows what they were talking about, they could hide nothing from him. He tells them that whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all. I found this poem which sums up how Jesus served us all in humility yet is our King.

The Greatest Man in History

The Greatest Man in History... Jesus had no servants, yet they called Him Master.
Had no degree, yet they called Him Teacher.
Had no medicines, yet they called Him Healer.
He had no army, yet kings feared Him.
He won no military battles, yet He conquered the world.
He did not live in a castle, yet they called Him Lord,
He ruled no nations, yet they called Him King,
committed no crime, yet they crucified Him.
He was buried in a tomb, yet He lives today.
I feel honoured to serve such a Leader who loves us!
Lyle C. Rollings III. 2007

Phil Baker



NEXT SUNDAY 29.09.2024 St Michael & All Angels
10.30am in the Church

READINGS: NT Revelation 12: 7-12
OT Hebrews 1: 5-14
GOSPEL John 1: 47-51



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St Thomas, Exeter

22nd September 2024
Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity
10.30am in Church

Today

10.30am Sung Eucharist

Hymn Numbers.

426 Praise to the Holiest in the height
73 Brother, sister, let me serve you
501 There's a wideness in God's mercy

Wednesday 25th September

10am Holy Communion (BCP)

12.30pm Funeral service for Miriam Hunt

2pm Young at Hearts

Thursday 26th September

9.30-11am St Thomas Tots and Macmillan
coffee morning.

10.30-12 noon Knit & Natter. 19 Maple Rd
Details from Jenny on 01392 49872

Friday 27th September

9.30am Morning Prayer

10am Staff Meeting

Saturday 28th September

12.30pm Ladies Lunch at the Royal Oak



Collect

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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**

Jeremiah 11: 18-20

It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, 'Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!' But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

James 3: 13-4: 1-3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have,

because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Psalm 54

Save me, O God, by your name and vindicate me by your power.
Hear my prayer, O God; give heed to the words of my mouth.
For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless seek after my life; they have not set God before them.
Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who upholds my life.
May evil rebound on those who lie in wait for me; destroy them in your faithfulness.
An offering of a free heart will I give you and praise your name, O Lord, for it is gracious.
For he has delivered me out of all my trouble, and my eye has seen the downfall of my enemies.

Mark 9: 30-37

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

Post Communion

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

NOTICES

TALKWORKS can help! If you are feeling stressed, anxious, are experiencing ongoing low mood, or are having difficulty sleeping,

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0300 555 3344 Give us a call and see how we can support you. www.talkworks.dpt.nhs.uk

Northcott Theatre Friday 18th October to Wednesday 23rd October (local discount on Friday) *The Commotion*. More on the Prayer Book Rebellion of 1549 following our successful talk by Prof Mark Stoye. Box office phone no 01392 726363

Macmillan Cancer Support, Sunday 29th September after the service

The Knit & Natter group are very happy to support Macmillan next Sunday. We shall present an exhibition of work done this summer, not only by the Thursday group, but by people throughout the parish. There will also be a wool giveaway for anyone who feels they'd like to knit this autumn. Please come next week.

Theatre Alibi at their home in Emmanuel Hall are having an open day on 28 September 9-4pm to launch its new autumn programme. Please see [Home - Theatre Alibi](#)

