

Reflection for Sunday 17th July Trinity 5

The opening verses of the Colossians reading are thought to predate the rest of the letter and form a 'Christ hymn' which would have been in use by the early church.

The familiar hymn 'At the Name of Jesus' is thought to be based on this reading. What similarities can you see?

At the name of Jesus ev'ry knee shall bow,
ev'ry tongue confess him King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
who, from the beginning was the mighty Word.

At his voice creation sprang at once to sight,
all the angels' faces, all the hosts of light,
thrones and domination, stars upon their way,
all the heav'nly orders in their great array.

Truly, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
with his Father's glory, with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

Rev Sarah




Codes for Zoom No further Zoom services planned at the moment.

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Passcode:

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NEXT SUNDAY 24.07.2022 Trinity 6

SERVICES: 10.30am in Church

READINGS: OT Genesis 18: 20-32
NT Colossians 2: 6-15, (16-19)
 GOSPEL Luke 11: 1-13

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St Thomas, Exeter

17th July 2022

Trinity 5

10.30am in Church

Today

10.30am Sung Eucharist.

Hymn Nos.

313 Lord of all hopefulness

466 Teach me my God and King

427 Praise to the Lord, the almighty

Tuesday 19th July

7.30pm House Group.

Wednesday 20th July

10am Walsingham Mass.

Thursday 21st July

9.30-11am St Thomas Tots with Breast-Feeding support.

10.30am Knit & Natter in St Thomas Park.

Friday 22nd July

9.30am Morning Prayer.

10am Staff Meeting.



Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; 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**

Genesis 18.1–10a

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him.

Colossians 1.15–28

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him

and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Luke 10.38–42

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing.

Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

Post Communion

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

NOTICES

For our services in Church, **mask wearing** is not now compulsory but we would still advise it while infection numbers remain high. If you are coming to coffee, we also recommend wearing a mask until you are seated in the Hall.

Knit and Natter Summer 2022 In June, July and August we will meet in St Thomas Pleasure Ground or at 19 Maple Road according to the weather, every Thursday from 10.30am to midday. Details from Jenny on 01392 498725.

Community Larder is receiving donations on Tuesdays from 10-11am. (Note earlier time)

St Andrew's, Exwick. Please note that Rev Sarah is covering some of the Sunday morning services at Exwick after the retirement of Jerry Bird.

Best wishes to Fr David for his sabbatical this summer and we pray for the church and its ministry.

Ian Totterdell's mobile number no longer works so texts will not reach him. Also Ian is away on holiday from 17th–30th July.

