

First Reading

The reading is read by

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea
as if it were dry land,

but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were
drowned.

³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell
after they had been encircled for seven days.

³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish
with those who were disobedient,
because she had received the spies in peace.

³² And what more should I say?

For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson,
Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-

³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered
justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions,

³⁴ quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword,
won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war,
put foreign armies to flight.

³⁵ Women received their dead by resurrection.

Others were tortured, refusing to accept release,
in order to obtain a better resurrection.

³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging,
and even chains and imprisonment.

³⁷ They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two,
they were killed by the sword;

they went about in skins of sheep and goats

, destitute, persecuted, tormented-

³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy.

They wandered in deserts and mountains,
and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith,
did not receive what was promised,

⁴⁰ since God had provided something better

so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

¹² Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of
witnesses,

let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so
closely,

and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

2 looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith,

who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured
the cross, disregarding its shame,

and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn:

304— *Let saints on earth in concert sing*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

You will be hated by all because of my name, says the Lord;
but the one who endures to the end will be saved.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Jesus said to his disciples:

“I came to bring fire to the earth,
and how I wish it were already kindled!

⁵⁰ I have a baptism with which to be baptized,
and what stress I am under until it is completed!

⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth?
No, I tell you, but rather division!

⁵² From now on five in one household will be divided,
three against two and two against three; ⁵³ they will be divided:
father against son

and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds,
“When you see a cloud rising in the west,
you immediately say,

‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens.

⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say,
‘There will be scorching heat’;
and it happens.

⁵⁶ You hypocrites!

You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky,
but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

**Please remember to pray for the following friends of our
Parish who are not able to worship with us at this time**

Peggy and Ken Bean. Ray Cobb, Denver Cole, John Davies,
Vera Emeny, Margaret Pearce, Pat Todd,
David and Lily Webb.

The Prayers

The prayers are led by Harry Burke

Mary on sabbatical

Emilia and Ronnie who are being baptised today

For those on active service in places of danger.

Dick and Caroline Seed our CMS Missionaries

The Migrant and Refugee Crisis

The visitors to the Top Up shop and Family First

3 Debbie Shaves, Dick Kirkland, June Devine
2 Joseph 3, Sonia Stegall, Margaret Starsmore.
Jeanette

1 Jill Broughton, Leah Mitchell, Brian Stopher
and those known privately to us.

Those who have died recently

Jane Harbord

Michael Brooke

Judith Everett,

We remember the anniversary of death of

Gwen Curtis 16 August 2016

Peggy Doe 12 August 2015

Graham Baker 12 August 2021

Offertory Hymn;

829 - Year by year, from past to future

Communion Hymns:

472— *You are the vine and we are the branches*

Post Communion Prayer:

Holy Father,

who gathered us here around the table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole household of God:

in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your
peace,

gather people of every race and language

to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Recessional Hymn:

580 – *Judge eternal throned in splendour*
