

First Reading

Read by Angela Marjoram

A reading from the First letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you.

2 For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

3 When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape!

4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief;

5 for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.

6 So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober,

7 for those who sleep sleep at night,

and those who are drunk get drunk at night.

8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober

and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation.

9 For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

10 who died for us,

so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.

11 Therefore encourage one another

and build up each other,

as indeed you are doing.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

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Gradual Hymn

725; Make me a channel of your peace

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Keep awake for you know neither the day nor the hour .

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew Jesus said to his disciples,

The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them;

15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability.

Then he went away.

16 The one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents.

17 In the same way,

the one who had the two talents made two more talents.

16 The one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents.

17 In the same way,

the one who had the two talents made two more talents.

But the one who had received the one talent

went off and dug a hole in the ground

and hid his master's money.

19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them.

20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents,

saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.'

21 His master said to him,

'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things

I will put you in charge of many things;

enter into the joy of your master.'

22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents;

see, I have made two more talents.

23 His master said to him,

'Well done, good and trustworthy slave;

you have been trustworthy in a few things

I will put you in charge of many things;

into the joy of your master.

24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, '

Master, I knew that you were a harsh man,

reaping where you did not sow

and gathering where you did not scatter,

25 so I was afraid,

and I went and hid your talent in the ground.

Here you have what is yours.'

26 But his master replied,

'You wicked and lazy slave!

You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow

and gather where I did not scatter?

27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers,

and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest.

28 So take the talent from him,

and give it to the one with the ten talents.

29 For to all those who have,

more will be given, and they will have an abundance,

but from those who have nothing,

even what they have will be taken away.

30 As for this worthless slave,

throw him into the outer darkness,

where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

The Prayers

The prayers are led by Robert Marjoram

Those for whom prayer has been asked:

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For those on active service in places of danger.

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Dick and Caroline Seed our CMS Missionaries

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The Migrant and Refugee Crisis

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The visitors to the Top Up shop and Family First

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3 Debbie Shaves, June Devine, Richard Bartlett, Paul Gray, Mary Sawyer, Robin Hawes

2 Mark Wall, Maureen and Steve

Jeanette Budinger

1 Celia, Paul Hocking

those known privately to us.

Those who have died recently

Glynis Howe

Michael Abbott

Dick Kirkland

Linda Ruby

Maureen Howard

We remember the anniversary of death of

Barry Featherstone 23 November 2014

Christopher Newman 25 November 2004

Offertory Hymn;

57; Ye servants of the Lord

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Communion Hymns

696 - Jesus where thy people meet

672; I will worship

Post Communion Prayer:

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament

you give substance to our hope:

bring us at the last

to that fullness of life for which we long;

through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Recessional

632; Fill thou my life (omit*)

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, John Davies, Vera Emeny, Margaret Pearce, Pat Todd, David and Lily Webb.