

First Reading

Read by Helen Meyer

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

56 ¹Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

⁸ Thus says the Lord GOD,

who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

679 In Christ there is no East or West

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, **Alleluia, Alleluia,**

Jesus proclaimed the gospel of the kingdom, and cured every disease among the people.

Alleluia, **Alleluia, Alleluia,**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Matthew

Glory to You O Lord

¹⁰ Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: ¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' ¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' ¹³ He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' ¹⁶ Then he said, 'Are you also still

without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander.

²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.' ²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' ²⁴ He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' ²⁶ He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' ²⁷ She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

The Prayers

The prayers are led by Ray Boggis

Those for who prayers have been asked:

For those on active service in places of danger

Dick and Caroline Seed our CMS Missionaries

The Migrant and Refugee Crisis

Visitors to the Top Up Shop and Family First

Firefighters and those effected by wild fires in various locations .

3. Linda Best, Eileen, Becki and Denis Cook, Tanya, Louise.
2. Debbie Shaves, Jayne Versey, John Pickering.
Patricia Perry, Beryl Featherstone, Clesfield Burke.
1. Julie Lawrence, Shirley, Gwen.

Those who have died recently

We remember the anniversary of death of

Gwen Curtis August 16 2016

Peggy Doe August 19 2015

Graham Baker August 19 2021

David Webb August 21 2024

The Venerable Donald Smith August 22 2014

Offertory Hymn

Part one and doxology of

291 Blessed city, heavenly Salem

Communion Hymns

292 I rejoiced when I heard them say

Communion Anthem

You are the centre.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated that one
true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings
pardon and peace:
by our communion
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Recessional Hymn

753 O Praise ye the Lord!

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

Vera Emeny, Rita Appleton, Malcolm Starsmoore,

Jeanette Budinger,