

**First Reading**  
Read by Barry Gasgoyne

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. <sup>28</sup> We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. <sup>31</sup> What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup> Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup> Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' <sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**Gradual Hymn**  
**797** The Lord is King! He set the stars in space.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, **Alleluia, Alleluia**,  
Blessed are you Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia, **Alleluia, Alleluia**,

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

**Glory to You O Lord**

<sup>31</sup> He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; <sup>32</sup> it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'  
<sup>33</sup> He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'  
<sup>44</sup> 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. <sup>45</sup> 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; <sup>46</sup> on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.  
<sup>47</sup> 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; <sup>48</sup> when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. <sup>49</sup> So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup> and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.  
<sup>51</sup> 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' <sup>52</sup> And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you O Christ**

**The Prayers**  
The prayers are led by Jim Manning

**Those for who prayers have 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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Visitors to the Top Up Shop and Family First  
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3. Linda Best, Eileen, Becki and Denis Cook, Tanya, Louise.
2. Debbie Shaves, Jayne Versey, John Pickering.  
Patricia Perry, Beryl Featherstone.
1. Julie Lawrence, Shirley, Gwen.

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**Those who have died recently**

Velma Sloane  
**We remember the anniversary of death of**  
John Mayhew July 27 2021  
Heather Clarke July 29 2024  
Alfred Flack July 30 2001

**Offertory Hymn**  
**648** God of grace and God of glory

**Communion Hymn**  
**756** Oh, the mercy of God, the glory of grace

**Communion Anthem**  
Be thou my vision

**Post Communion Prayer**

Strengthen for service, Lord,  
the hands that have taken holy things;  
may the ears which have heard your word be  
deaf to clamour and dispute;  
may the tongues which have sung your praise be  
free from deceit;  
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of you  
love shine with the light of hope;  
and may the bodies which have been fed with your  
body be refreshed with the fullness of your life;  
glory to you for ever.

**Recessional Hymn**  
**589** Angel voices, ever singing

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,