



# Welcome to **St Mary's Church** *Wimbledon*

## **Tenth Sunday after Trinity – 20<sup>th</sup> August 2017** **Readings and Prayers**

### ***TRADITIONAL LANGUAGE COLLECT***

Let thy merciful ears, O Lord,  
be open to the prayers of thy humble servants;  
and that they may obtain their petitions  
make them to ask such things as shall please thee;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and for ever.

**Amen**

### ***COLLECT AT 9.30 EUCHARIST***

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**Amen**

***FIRST READING:*** Isaiah 56. 1, 6-8

Thus says the LORD:  
Maintain justice, and do what is right,

for soon my salvation will come,  
and my deliverance be revealed.

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 –  
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.

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

**PSALM: 67** (*please remain seated for the Psalm*)

**R** *Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.*

God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us,  
That your way may be known upon earth,  
your saving power among all nations. **R**  
O let the nations rejoice and be glad,  
for you will judge the peoples righteously  
and govern the nations upon earth.  
Then shall the earth bring forth her increase,  
and God, our own God, will bless us.  
God will bless us,  
and all the ends of the earth shall fear him. **R**

## **SECOND READING: Romans 11.1 – 2a, 29-32**

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

*(please stand with the Choir as we sing Alleluia to greet the Gospel)*

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 15. 21-28**

Then Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, ‘Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.’ Then the disciples approached and said to him, ‘Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?’ He answered, ‘Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.’ But Peter said to him, ‘Explain this parable to us.’ Then he said, ‘Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.’

Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. 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.’ 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.’ He answered, ‘I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.’ But she came and knelt before him, saying, ‘Lord, help me.’ He answered, ‘It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.’ She said, ‘Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.’

Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

God of our pilgrimage,  
you have willed that the gate of mercy  
should stand open for those who trust in you:  
look upon us with your favour  
that we who follow the path of your will  
may never wander from the way of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **COLLECT AT 11.15 SERVICE**

Lord of heaven and earth,  
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,  
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,  
but always to bring our prayers before you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings next Sunday, Eleventh Sunday after Trinity  
am: *Isaiah 51.1-6; Romans 12. 1-8; Matthew 16.13-20*  
Evensong: *2 Kings 6.8-23; Acts 17.15-end*