

Psalm 116

This psalm is a song of thanksgiving, though for what, we do not know. The author has clearly come out of a period of distress when, perhaps, his very life was in danger: ('O Lord, I pray, save my life!'). This could be some great sickness, or, particularly if the Psalm was penned by King David, an attempt on his life, whether in the context of war or an assassination. It could be something else entirely. What is clear is that the author praises the Lord for delivering him from this trial. The Psalm can teach us much, too, about our attitude when difficulties arise in our own lives. We all know suffering in one way or another: but how do we react? Do we question our faith? Do we question God? Or do we know that God is with us in our suffering? That some day, whether now or in the age to come, he promises to deliver us from that suffering, just as he will deliver us from death itself. May this Psalm help us in our difficulties by showing us that Divine perspective, and the desire of the Almighty to never, ever let us go. And recognizing this, may we join in with the Psalmist in offering the thanksgiving sacrifice and never ceasing to praise the Lord.

Elements of the Mass

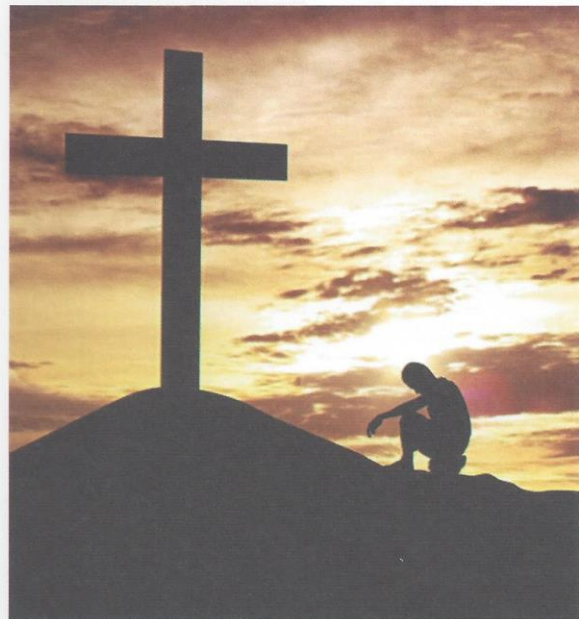
The Great Amen

The Great Amen is the name traditionally given to the 'Amen' said or sung by the people at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer. It is the most significant 'Amen' in the whole liturgy as it expresses the people's assent to, and belief in, all that the priest has just done on their behalf during the Eucharistic Prayer. It particularly expresses their belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the newly consecrated elements, which at this point are elevated so that the people can see them. This 'Amen' also signifies the people's desire to join themselves to the sacrifice of Jesus which is being set forth on the altar: just as Christ offered himself on the cross, we offer our gifts and ourselves in union with him. In the fourth century, St Jerome wrote that in Rome, when the 'Great Amen' was proclaimed, 'all the pagan temples trembled'.

16th September
2018

Sixteenth Sunday
after Trinity
Twenty-Fourth
Sunday of the Year

Will that faith save him?



Who do you say Jesus is? Is he simply a man of wisdom, or a great teacher, or a prophet, or a subversive? Is he simply someone who lived a long time ago, whose stories have been handed down? Or is he who Peter says he is? Is he the Christ (the anointed one)? Is he the one all God's children have been waiting for? Is he in fact God, God become human, God with us? Is he the one who comes to us, in word and sacrament, day by day, week by week? Is he the one who died a terrible death, yet rose on the third day to confound death once and for all? Is he the one who means that we can live our lives free from fear, because we know he has defeated sin and death for ever? This morning Jesus looks us in the eye, and says to us: 'Who do you say I am?'

From the Fathers

Let your baptism be ever your shield, your faith a helmet, your charity a spear, your patience a panoply. Let your works be deposits, so that you may receive the sum that is due to you. In humility be patient with one another, as God is with you.

From *A Letter to Polycarp* by Ignatius of Antioch (c. 35-107, theologian)



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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Welcome to our services today.

9.15am Sung Mass at All Saints'

11am Sung Mass at Holy Trinity with Baptisms

6pm Evensong and Benediction at Holy Trinity

WEEKDAY MASS

Wednesday 19th September **Feria**

7.30pm at Holy Trinity

(7pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament)

Saturday 22nd September **Our Lady on Saturday**

6.30pm at Holy Trinity - Liturgy of the Word (No mass)

Walsingham Cell – All Welcome

NEXT SUNDAY - 25th in Ordinary Time

9.15am Sung Mass at All Saints'

11am Sung Mass at Holy Trinity

6pm Evensong and Benediction at Holy Trinity

Psalm Response:

I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

Gospel Acclamation:

Cantor: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Cantor: I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me.

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

(Alleluia is repeated after the Gospel reading.)

INSTITUTION of Canon Fr William Perry - **Tuesday 20th November, 7.30pm at Holy Trinity** as Vicar of the parishes of Hawley and Minley. Please continue to pray for Fr William as he prepares to move parishes and also for the parish of Holy Trinity, Millbrook, Southampton as they approach an Interregnum.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER - after many years Darren Neve has decided to step down from his role of Parish Safeguarding Officer, a role which he has diligently carried out, thank you Darren. We take the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults seriously at Hawley and are looking for a member of our congregation to fill the role of Parish Safeguarding Officer. If you feel you can help us please speak to a Churchwarden, they will be able to provide you with a role description.

SHARING THE WORD

Grange Community Junior School (on Wren Way) are looking for volunteers to come and hear children read. Any morning or afternoon would be great. If you can commit to volunteering on a weekly basis, please contact Darren Neve on d.neve@grange.hants.sch.uk or by phone on 01252 542196 who would love to hear from you.

HARVEST SUPPER - Saturday 29th September, 7pm in Trinity Hall. Bring and share supper. Please sign up on the list in both churches.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING - Sunday 30th September. Please bring dry and tinned food (well in date) or toiletries for local charities.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH SITTING - we try to keep Holy Trinity church open each weekday until 12 noon and we need a couple of people each session to give a welcome to visitors. This could be weekly, fortnightly, monthly, occasionally, whatever suits. Please ask Rita Davies for more details of this important service to our parish community.

MU meet on **Monday 17th September** in Trinity Hall at 8pm. Ted Bennyworth will give a talk about The Salvation Army.

WALSINGHAM CELL meet on **Saturday 22nd September** at 6.30pm in Holy Trinity for The Liturgy of the Word (no Mass) followed by a bring and share supper. Everyone is invited, we look forward to seeing you and all members.

HOLY LAND - are you interested in going in 2019? Come to an introductory evening led by The Revd. Haydon Wilcox on Thursday 13th September at 8pm at St. Mary's Church, Park Road, Camberley GU15 2SR or email: haydonwilcox@mac.com for details. Haydon is also taking bookings to South Korea in May 2019 and to see the Oberammergau Passion Play in 2020 - contact him for a brochure.

SATURDAY 6th October - Coach trip to Pusey House, Oxford. (Coffee on arrival, tour of the House followed by Mass. Arrangements for lunch and the afternoon will be up to individuals.) Pick up time from All Saints' at 9.20am and Holy Trinity at 9.30am. Returning from Oxford at around 4.30pm. Cost £12. Sign up sheet is in the porch. Money, in an envelope if possible with your name on, to Pauline Scott at Holy Trinity or Joan Dimmick at All Saints', thank you.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2018 - the Town Council kindly have agreed to my proposal that the event will now start in Holy Trinity church at 10.30am and after the service will move to the memorial hall for the ceremony there. This means that our service on that day will be a Mass dedicated to Remembrance Day which also marks the 100th Anniversary of the end of the First World War. More details to follow but, if you have ideas and would like to help make this a truly memorable event please tell Fr Glyn.

TEA AT TWO AT ALL SAINTS' - Fridays at All Saints' 2pm-4pm. Come and join us for great tea, cake and conversation.

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT TEA AND CAKE AFTERNOON - Friday 28th September at All Saints' Church Hall 2pm-4pm. Donations of cake very welcome. More information from Joan Young.

WEEKLY SHEET ITEMS FOR NEXT WEEK - should be sent by Wednesday morning to pauline_scott@icloud.com.

