

Living the Word

Exodus 16.2-4, 9-15

In this reading we come across some very grumpy Israelites. Perhaps we would be grumpy too, if we had been wandering round the desert for 40 years? Here, however, the Israelites air their complaints, directing them towards Moses: 'If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt', they say. But now they are hungry, and fear death. However, God has not abandoned his people, and rather, responds to their needs, providing manna from heaven which 'rains down' giving them enough to eat 'for that day'. So it is in the life of the church. Our spiritual hunger will – or should – never be satisfied until we see God 'face to face' in the Promised Land of heaven, but for now, we are given the Blessed Sacrament, a gift to us from heaven, of the Lord's Body and Blood. This will satisfy our hunger until that day when 'sacraments shall cease', and all shall finally be revealed.

Elements of the Mass

The Choir

The Choir describes firstly the place where the choir and priests sit for the offices (morning and evening prayer) and also where the choir of singers sits during the Mass. The choir of singers is set the task of leading the liturgical singing at the Mass. Sometimes this will be the choir just singing on their own. For example they might sing a Mass setting, or plainchant (the music associated primarily with monks and nuns), or sometimes different anthems set for the liturgical year. These all help cover liturgical action and help us to focus our worship to God. The choir also has a role in leading the rest of the congregation in singing. They help lead the singing in which we all join, they can set the tone of the worship. It is important that music is carefully selected and that the choir understands their role in leading and assisting in the worship of God. Being able to sing is a gift given to a person by God and it is right and proper that the gift should be used to the glory of God. Remember: the person who sings prays twice.



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The End of Hunger



'Whoever feeds on me will never be hungry,' Jesus taught. There are echoes here of the very first temptation in the Wilderness where Jesus quotes the Scripture: 'man cannot live on bread alone but on every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.' Jesus urges us to not to 'labour for the food that perishes but for the food that endures to eternal life.' Jesus is challenging us at the centre of our being. He is probing our deepest motivation and desire. He is asking 'is your life a pursuit of material well-being or are you really concerned with the things that last forever?' Jesus knows that if we labour only for the perishable we shall never be satisfied: our lives will be driven by an insatiable hunger. Once, however, we have glimpsed and experienced the beauty and vitality of life in Him other needs and desires pass away. Jesus teaches us to pray for the daily bread which is his life in us. Praise him for the amazing grace of Holy Communion in which his own life as spiritual food strengthens us to keep our heart fixed 'where lasting joys are to be found.'

Prayers to Remember

We know, O God, that we must change if we are to see your face; none but the holy can see you. O support us as we proceed in this great, awful, happy change, with the grace of your unchangeableness. Let us day by day be moulded upon you, and be changed from glory to glory by ever looking towards you.

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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

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Welcome to our services today.

9.15am Sung Mass at All Saints'

11am Sung Mass at Holy Trinity

No Evensong and Benediction until 2nd September

WEEKDAY MASS

Wednesday 8th August *S. Dominic, Priest*

7.30pm at Holy Trinity

(7pm Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament)

NEXT SUNDAY - 19th in Ordinary Time

9.15am Sung Mass at All Saints'

11am Sung Mass at Holy Trinity

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Psalm Response:

The Lord is King, most high above all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation:

Cantor: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Cantor: This is my Son, the Beloved, he enjoys my favour; listen to him.

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

(Alleluia is repeated after the Gospel reading.)

TODAY'S FIRST READING from the book of Daniel - this awesome and terrifying depiction of a heavenly court shows a vision of the Final Judgement. This vision is like that granted to the prophet Ezekiel. The books contained the good deeds and the sins of those who were to be judged and then the great vision of a human like figure receiving the dominion, and the prospect of an everlasting kingdom under him is indeed glorious. Whilst the allusion to the coming of Jesus Christ is obvious, we might pause to consider those books and think about how many lines from our own lives will be written in each book. For when Christ comes again, as he surely will, the time for writing our lines in those books will be gone. Awake, O Sleeper!

A REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL READING - **Light from Light** - in their encounter with Jesus Christ transfigured, Peter, James and John find themselves in another world. This is a world where time has disappeared and Moses and Elijah

are present: it is a world where Jesus has been transported into another form (which is the literal meaning of transfiguration). They are overcome with the 'weight of glory' and experience fatigue. They are unable to string a sensible sentence together. In all this Jesus is giving them a glimpse of reality and showing them that their usual life, understanding and experience of the world, is merely a shadow. Jesus is revealing his glory to them to provide inspiration and encouragement to them. To help them make sense of all that they will experience in the future. In every Eucharist Jesus moves us to another realm, he is transfigured into bread and reveals his glory to us with a glorious pledge that we are indeed one with the company of heaven. In every Eucharist Jesus reminds us that there are greater and more glorious things to come.

A MESSAGE FROM FR WILLIAM

"Dear Everyone at Hawley and Minley, I'm delighted that I'm to be your new Vicar, and greatly looking forward to getting to know you all. The date for my Induction is yet to be fixed, but during this time of waiting you will all be very much in my prayers. Please pray also for me as I prepare to move parishes. With much love. Father William."

TODAY at Holy Trinity - sale of art work, after the service outside the Vestry, by local artist and member of our congregation, Trevor.

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.

FRIDAY 17th August - 7pm Assumptiontide Mass and Garden Party at St Augustine's Aldershot. Bishop Norman will be the celebrant and preacher.

SUNDAY 19th August - brunch at All Saints' after Mass at approximately **10.30am**. All welcome. We look forward to seeing you there!

100th ANNIVERSARY OF WW1 - please see Jane Lawrie if you have photos and/or memories to share for the commemoration of 11th November 1918, thank you.

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

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