

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

1 July 2018

Sentence The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. *Lamentations 3.22-23*

Collect

O Christ for whom we search,
our help when help has failed:
give us courage to expose our need
and ask to be made whole,
that, being touched by you,
we may be raised to new life
in the power of your name. **Amen.**

A reading from book of Lamentations.

Lamentations is five poems lamenting the destruction of Jerusalem by the Babylonians in 586 BC. This portion is the second major section of the third poem and contemplates reasons for hope in the face of adversity and suffering.

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
'The LORD is my portion,' says my soul,
'therefore I will hope in him.'
The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.
It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.
It is good for one to bear
the yoke in youth,
to sit alone in silence

when the Lord has imposed it,
to put one's mouth to the dust
(there may yet be hope),
to give one's cheek to the smiter,
and be filled with insults.

For the Lord will not
reject for ever.

Although he causes grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;
for he does not willingly afflict
or grieve anyone.

Lamentations 9.88-33

Reader For the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Psalm 30 APBA page249

The psalmist gives thanks for recovery from illness.

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians

The mother church, Jerusalem, is again in financial need and Paul urges the Corinthians to put their words into action and let their giving be commensurate with their means, in order to support the community who first proclaimed the gospel. It is still our tradition on Good Friday to send the collection to the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem for their work in Israel/Palestine, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon.

You excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something— now finish doing it, so that your

Prayer for the Week

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to suffer death upon a cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Pray for the Faithful Departed We remember before God: Helen Cotton, Leonard Newton, Bill McSpedden, *priest*, Roberta Frost, Daphne (Bon) Chandler, Erich Mehrens, Thomas Percival (Tom) Pringle, Margaret Hooper, Mary Margaret (Peg) Blackman, William Green, Valda Konings, Eva Mary Reichardt, Frank Mansell, George (Warwick) Ramsden *whose anniversaries occur this week.*

Commemorations of the week

July 1 Coming of the Light, commemorates the first missionaries to the Torres Straits (1871).

July 6 John Fisher (1469-1535), bishop and martyr. John Fisher was an eminent scholar, Chancellor of Cambridge University and bishop of Rochester. He refused to accept Henry VIII's declaration of himself as the head on earth of the Church in England and opposed the King's request for the annulment of his marriage to Catherine.

Thomas More (1478-1535), like Fisher, opposed Henry VIII's breaking the English Church from the jurisdiction of the See of Rome. Moore was the Lord Chancellor, the highest ranking member of the King's Cabinet but he refused to accept that the King's acts accorded with God's. Both men were tried for treason and both executed.

woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.' Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, "Who touched me?"' He looked all round to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.'

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?' But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, 'Do not fear, only believe.' He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, 'Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha cum', which means, 'Little girl, get up!' And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Mark 5.21-43

Reader For the Gospel of the Lord
ALL Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Bible Readings next week. 7th after Pentecost 8 July 2018

Ezekiel 2.1-15 Ps. 123 2 Corinthians 12.2-10 Mark 6.1-13

eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written, 'The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.'

2 Corinthians 8.7-15

Reader May your word live in us.
ALL And bear much fruit to your glory.

Gospel Acclamation

ALL Alleluia! Alleluia!

Cantor They begged Jesus that the sick might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched were healed.

ALL Alleluia!

Reader The Lord be with you

ALL And also with you

Reader A reading from the holy Gospel according to St Mark

ALL Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Mark 'sandwiches' one story with another and uses the symbolism of twelve years of illness for the woman and twelve years of age for the girl to signal that Jesus is renewing the twelve tribes of Israel. The phrase 'Talitha cum' is Aramaic, the language Jesus spoke and which is still spoken today in a few villages in Syria.

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat* to the other side, a great crowd gathered round him; and he was by the lake.²² Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, 'My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.' So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a