



St George's Anglican Church | Malvern

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

9 August 2015

Sentence Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us.

Ephesians 5.1-2

Collect

Unseen God, drawing all people to the end of our desires:
teach us to know true bread from false
and to feed on him who shares our flesh
to love, Jesus Christ, our communion. **Amen.**

A reading from the first book of Kings.

Elijah the prophet (whose name means 'Yahweh is my God') was active in the 9th century BC when King Ahab ruled in the northern kingdom of Israel. Ahab's queen Jezebel, a Phoenician and worshipper of Baal clashed with Elijah who upheld the worship of Israel's God. After a contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal when their sacrifice was not consumed by fire from heaven, but Elijah's was, thus demonstrating God's power over Baal, the prophet flees as far away as possible and finds that God is providing for him and he is not deserted even though Jezebel is not yet defeated.

Elijah [the prophet] went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: 'It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, 'Get up and eat.' He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, 'Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.' He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of

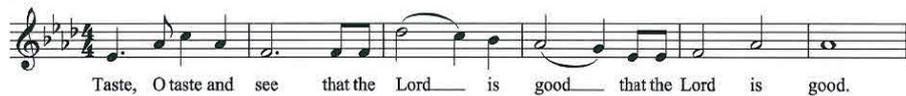
that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of
God.

1 Kings 19.4-8

Reader For the word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God

Psalm 34.1-8 APBA, p.254

Responsorial Psalm 34



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| 1 I will bless the Lord <u>at</u> all times,
his praise always <u>on</u> my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall <u>make</u> its boast.
The humble shall hear <u>and</u> be glad. | 2 Glorify the <u>Lord</u> with me.
Together let us <u>praise</u> his name.
I sought the Lord <u>and</u> he answered me;
From all my terrors he <u>set</u> me free. |
| 3 Look towards him <u>and</u> be radiant;
Let your faces not <u>be</u> abashed.
This poor man called; <u>the</u> Lord heard him
And rescued him from all <u>his</u> distress. | |

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

The writer urges the Christian community to be imitators of Christ and to live his self-sacrificing love. The reference to a fragrant offering comes from Temple worship. The image of offering ourselves is taken up in the closing prayer our thanksgiving after communion. "We offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice..... Once we believe in the unconditional love God has for us, our love for each other becomes our response to God, far beyond mere duty.

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room

thirsty.' Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

John 6. 35, 41-51

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

Bible Readings next week 12th after Pentecost

Proverbs 9.1-6 Psalm 34.9-14 Ephesians 5.11-21 John 6.51-58

Prayer for the Week

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech you, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Pray for the Faithful Departed

We remember before God: Clarice Warne, John Wailes, Alice Lyons, Radcliffe Lewis, Kathleen Deans, Gladys Jenkins, Jessie Campbell Fulton Murray, Muriel Cornish, Louise Willsmore, Elaine Evelyn Moran *whose anniversaries occur this week.*

Commemorations of the week

August 13 Jeremy Taylor, bishop and spiritual writer (1613-1667). His best known book is *Holy Living and Holy Dying*.

August 14 Twentieth Martyrs, including: Maximilien Kolbe, friar (d.1940); Maria Skobsova, abbess in Russia (d. 1945); Martin Luther King Jr, worker for civil liberties (d. 1968)

August 15 Mary, the Mother of our Lord.

Insert (A)

PROCESSIONAL:

Now Wisdom's feast continues,
her well-aged wine still flows,
the bread of heaven fills us,
and love of learning grows.
When faithful people listen,
when hopeful people pray,
when loving people flourish,
they show us Wisdom's way.

Through books and prayers and silence,
in company, alone:
O Holy Wisdom, feed us
and form us for your own.
And give us joy in learning,
and help us in our turn
to hand on what you give us,
so others, too, may learn.

For you are God our Teacher
and, drinking in your Word,
we take to heart true wisdom
and your whole church is stirred
to show the world your kindness,
to teach the world your grace,
to bring the world, rejoicing,
to greet you face to face.

Words: Elizabeth J Smith



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Insert (B)

GRADUAL:

Our God is broken for a broken people,
familiar with our troubles as a friend.
And Christ is wounded for the whole world's healing,
our God who suffers till all sorrows end.

Our holy God makes us a holy people;
God chooses us, renews us, sends us out.
The breath that fills us is the Holy Spirit,
life in our dying, courage in our doubt.

O bless our God, who gives us bread from heaven;
O bless our God, who makes us one in Christ.
With thankful hearts, now let us make our offering,
our souls and bodies, our true sacrifice.



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