

Parish Press

Sunday August 31st, 2025

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Sentence

All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted. Luke 14.11

Prayer of the Day

O God,
you invite the humble and the sinful
to take their place in the festive assembly of the new covenant:
teach your Church always
to honour the presence of the Lord in the poor and the outcast,
so that we may learn to recognise each other
as brothers and sisters gathered together around your table.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Readings

Jeremiah 2.4-13	Page (OT) 541
Psalms 81.1, 10-16	Page (OT) 421
Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16	Page 177
Luke 14.1 (2-6) 7-14	Page 59

Today's services are

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Sung Holy Communion followed by morning tea

11.15am the Baptism of Eliza Lynch.

**“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other,
just as in Christ God forgave you” (Ephesians 4:32)**

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Mark's Reflection

Today in our Gospel reading we have a well known parable that presents us with two challenges

We read in our gospel from Luke that Jesus is dining at the home of a Pharisee on the Sabbath. He notices how the guests are competing for the best seats, seeking honour and recognition. In response, He teaches two lessons: first, that true humility avoids self-promotion, and second, that true generosity is shown when we give without expecting repayment.

Jesus' words remind us that the Kingdom of God overturns the world's values. In society, people often seek status, recognition, or favours in return. But Jesus calls His followers to a different way: to sit in the lower place, to serve rather than to be served, and to invite those who cannot repay us—the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.

This is not just about table etiquette—it's about the disposition of our hearts. When we humble ourselves, God is the one who lifts us up. When we give without expecting repayment, we reflect the selfless love of Christ Himself, who gave His life for us when we had nothing to offer in return.

The challenge of this Gospel is twofold:

- To examine whether we seek recognition, honour, or reward in our actions.
- To live out generosity and hospitality that mirrors God's unconditional love.

And finally, we are reminded that Jesus is pointing us to the banquet of the Kingdom, where the "least" are welcomed and where our reward comes not from human praise but from God.

God bless,

Mark

Welcome

This morning we welcome Eliza Lynch, her parents, family and friends as we prepare to join them in celebration for the Baptism of Eliza.

NEXT WEEK

A reminder that next week is our Family Communion Service at 9.30am and Choral Evensong at 5pm. Stay back after both services for community and delicious treats.

Women's Breakfast

Thank you to Kaye, Sheila and Maureen for organising another wonderful women's breakfast. It was a great morning of fellowship.

Parish Prayer List

Helen Burston, Stephen Binns, William Stewart (Stu) Parry, Robyn Foskett, Thelma Fiddymont, Rachel Hayman, Bruce Knox, Helen Morris, John and Sally James, Edith Jenkins, Sue Hand, Ann Constable, Gwen Jackson, Verna Hubert, Hayden Daley, Joy Hayman, Mark.

We remember

We give you thanks for your servants in every age. Grant that we, with all your saints, may be brought to a joyful resurrection and the fulfilment of your kingdom. Barbara Fleming, Patricia Branson, John David Orr.

The Lords Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us,

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom and the power, and the glory,
now and forever. Amen.

This Week at Holy Trinity

Tuesday

9.30-12.30pm Office Hours

Wednesday

10am Service of
Thanksgiving and Healing
followed by morning tea

Thursday

9.30-12.30pm Office Hours
7-10pm Choir Practice

Sunday

8am Holy Communion
9.30am Family
Communion followed by
morning tea
**5pm Evensong followed by
wine and cheese**

Readings this week

Monday Luke 4.16-30

Tuesday Luke 4.31-37

Wednesday Luke 4.38-44

Thursday Luke 5.1-11

Friday Luke 5.33-39

Saturday Luke 6.1-5

Sunday

Jeremiah 18.1-11

Psalms 139.1-5, 12-18

Philemon 1-25

John 11.17-27

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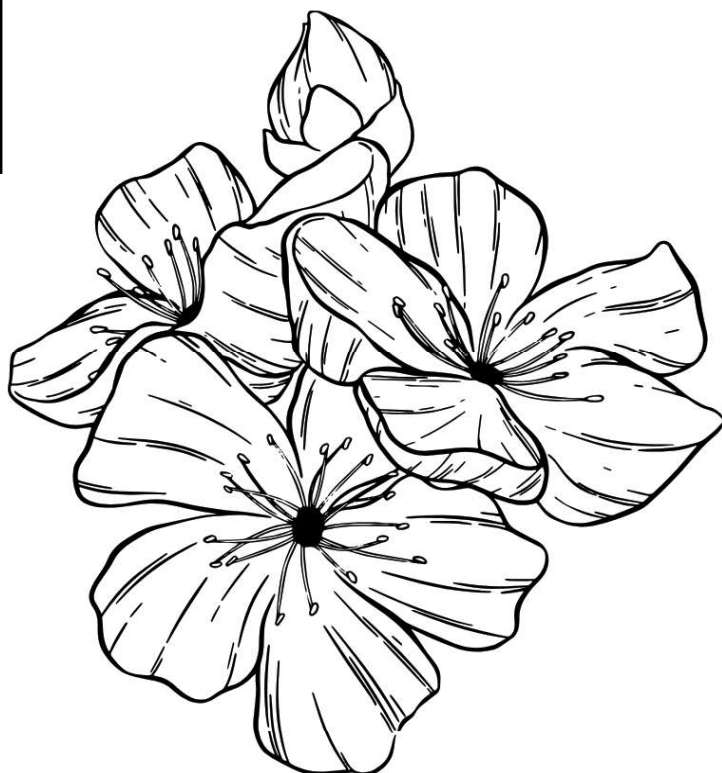
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