



SUNDAY 23rd JULY 2023

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

SERVICES TODAY

Holy Communion. 9.00 am p.180

10.30am **Morning Prayer** p. 101

Collect of the Day

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Lesson:-Genesis 28: 10-19 p. 30

Psalm 139: 1-11,23-24 **BCP** p.754

Gospel – Matthew 13:24-30,36-43 p.979

Post Communion Prayer.

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live:

May we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;

for he is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Amen.

10.30am Morning Prayer The Gathering of God's People

Greeting & Welcome

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Opening Hvmn 336 (*omit* v.5)

Jesus, where're thy people meet, there they behold thy mercy seat;

Confession & Absolution

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Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

Lesser Litany

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Canticle:

God of mercy, God of grace,

Hymn 695

show the brightness of your face;

The Lesson:

NIV Bible

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Psalm 139: 1-11, 23-24

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The Gospel:

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Canticle:-

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine:

Hvmn 562

O what a foretaste of glory divine!

SERMON:

Offertory **Hymn 657**

O God of Bethel, by whose hand

thy children still are fed;

The Creed

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The Prayers of the People

Versicles & responses

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Collects

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Intercessions:

Going out as God's People

Blessing

Closing Hymn 39 For the fruits of his creation,

thanks be to God!

Dismissal

READINGS for —SUNDAY 23rd JULY 2023

The Lesson

The Old Testament reading is from the book of Genesis, in the twenty eighth chapter beginning at the tenth verse.

Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. There above it stood the LORD, and he said: 'I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.'

When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, 'Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it.' He was afraid and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven.'

Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. He called that place Bethel, though the city used to be called Luz.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERVICES FOR JULY & AUGUST 2023

Sunday 30th July (8th Sunday after Trinity)	9.00am 10.30 am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer	Genesis 29:15-28 Psalm 128 Matthew 13:31-33,44-52
Sunday 6th August (9th Sunday after Trinity)	9.00am 10.30 am	Holy Communion Holy Communion	Romans 9: 1-5 Psalm 17: 1-7. 16 Matthew 14: 13-21
Sunday 13th August (10th Sunday after Trinity)	9.00am 10.30 am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer	Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28 Psalm 105: 1-6,16-22,45 Matthew 14: 22-33
Sunday 20th August (11th Sunday after Trinity)	9.00am 10.30 am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer	Genesis 45: 1-15 Psalm 133 Matthew 15:10-20,21-28

The Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St Matthew, In the thirteenth chapter, beginning at the twenty fourth verse.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed ears, then the weeds also appeared.

- 'The owner's servants came to him and said, "Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?"
- "An enemy did this," he replied.
- 'The servants asked him, "Do you want us to go and pull them up?"
- "No," he answered, "because while you are pulling up the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: first collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn."

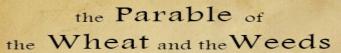
Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.'

He answered, 'The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

'As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.





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