

# *St Andrew's Church*

*Trinity 18*

*Newsletter for Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020*

*10.00am Service of the Word*

*Officiant, Alison      Sunday School talk*

## **Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **A reading from the epistle to the Philippians**

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

## **Hear the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.'

But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them.

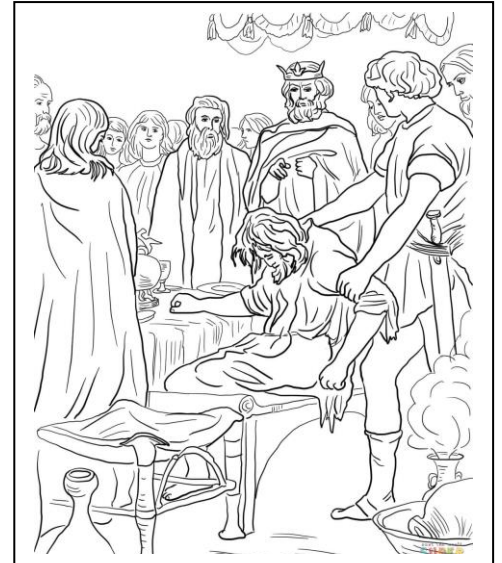
The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.'

Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless.

Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

For many are called, but few are chosen."



**Please pray for people who are sick or in need of**

**prayer:** Sheila Mirchandani, Janet White, Nancy

Johnson, Sonia Hyman, Dalton Mackenzie, Mrs Baxter, the Bowen Family, Kirsten Jeffs, Janet Fleming.

**For those who have recently died:** Pauline Herbert, Mervyn Ebbitt

**Anniversary of death:** Beatrice Oakley

**Notices**

- **Annual Parish Meeting** arrangements
- **Wednesday Evening Prayer – 7pm** Zoom - usual link
- **Tuesday and Thursday** Zoom room open 7pm for conversation and social link-up. Do you have suggestions about how we can use this time? Please tell us on WhatsApp.
- **Macmillan Coffee Morning** November 12<sup>th</sup> at 1030 -1130 on Zoom please support this.