

St Mary, Whitegate and St Peter, Little Budworth
Readings for Sunday 17th August - 9th Sunday after Trinity
Morning Prayer or Holy Communion

COLLECT:

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your
grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of
the Spirit in love and joy and peace;
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.

PSALM: 80:1-2, 9-20

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, ♦
you that led Joseph like a flock;
Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon
the cherubim, ♦
before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.
You brought a vine out of Egypt; ♦
you drove out the nations and planted it.
You made room around it, ♦
and when it had taken root, it filled the land.
The hills were covered with its shadow ♦
and the cedars of God by its boughs.
It stretched out its branches to the Sea ♦
and its tendrils to the River.
Why then have you broken down its
wall, ♦
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
The wild boar out of the wood tears it
off, ♦
and all the insects of the field devour it.
Turn again, O God of hosts, ♦
look down from heaven and behold;
Cherish this vine which your right hand
has planted, ♦
and the branch that you made so strong for yourself.

Let those who burnt it with fire, who cut
it down, ♦

perish at the rebuke of your countenance.

Let your hand be upon the man at your
right hand, ♦

the son of man you made so strong for yourself.

And so will we not go back from you; ♦
give us life, and we shall call upon your name.

Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts; ♦
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever.

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song
concerning his vineyard: My beloved had
a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

He dug it and cleared it of stones, and
planted it with choice vines; he built a
watch-tower in the midst of it, and
hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it
to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and
people of Judah, judge between me and
my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my
vineyard that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes, why
did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to
my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and
it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

GOSPEL READING:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

All **Glory to you, O Lord**

Luke 12:49-56

'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three;

they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens.

You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

POST COMMUNION:

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole household of God:
in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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We hope this will be useful for those taking part in services, and also for those unable to join us in Church on Sundays

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