

**St Mary, Whitegate and St Peter, Little Budworth**  
**Readings for Sunday 28 September - 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**  
**Morning Prayer or Holy Communion**

**COLLECT:**

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:  
grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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:** 91v1-6, 14-16

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High ♦

*and abides under the shadow of the Almighty,*

Shall say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my stronghold, ♦

*my God, in whom I put my trust.'*

For he shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler ♦

*and from the deadly pestilence.*

He shall cover you with his wings and you shall be safe under his feathers; ♦

*his faithfulness shall be your shield and buckler.*

You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, ♦

*nor of the arrow that flies by day;*

Of the pestilence that stalks in darkness, ♦

*nor of the sickness that destroys at noonday.*

Because they have set their love upon me, therefore will I deliver them; ♦

*I will lift them up, because they know my name.*

They will call upon me and I will answer them; ♦

*I am with them in trouble, I will deliver them and bring them to honour.*

With long life will I satisfy them ♦  
*and show them my salvation.*

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. AMEN***

**FIRST READING:**

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness.

Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you of kings and Lord of lords.

It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

### **GOSPEL READING:**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

All **Glory to you, O Lord**

Luke 16:19-end

There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue;

for I am in agony in these flames." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us."

He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

### **POST COMMUNION:**

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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