

St Mary, Whitegate and St Peter, Little Budworth
Readings for Sunday 21 September - 14th Sunday after Trinity
Morning Prayer or Holy Communion

COLLECT:

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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: 79:1-9

O God, the heathen have come into your
heritage; ♦
*your holy temple have they defiled
and made Jerusalem a heap of stones.*
The dead bodies of your servants they
have given to be food for the birds of the
air, ♦
*and the flesh of your faithful to the beasts
of the field.*
Their blood have they shed like water
on every side of Jerusalem, ♦
and there was no one to bury them.
We have become the taunt of our
neighbours, ♦
*the scorn and derision of those that are
round about us.*
Lord, how long will you be angry, for
ever? ♦
*How long will your jealous fury blaze like
fire?*
Pour out your wrath upon the nations
that have not known you, ♦
*and upon the kingdoms that have not
called upon your name.*

For they have devoured Jacob ♦
and laid waste his dwelling place.
Remember not against us our former
sins; ♦
*let your compassion make haste to meet
us, for we are brought very low.*
Help us, O God of our salvation, for the
glory of your name; ♦
*deliver us, and wipe away our sins for
your name's sake.*

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 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that
supplications, prayers, intercessions, and
thanksgivings should be made for
everyone, for kings and all who are in
high positions, so that we may lead a
quiet and peaceable life in all godliness
and dignity. This is right and is acceptable
in the sight of God our Saviour, who
desires everyone to be saved and to
come to the knowledge of the truth.

For there is one God; there is also one
mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave
himself a ransom for all - this was
attested at the right time.

For this I was appointed a herald and an
apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not
lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith
and truth.

GOSPEL READING:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke

All **Glory to you, O Lord**

Luke 16:1-13

Then Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property.

So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer."

Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes." So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?" He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty."

Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?" He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty." And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.

And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

'Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.'

POST COMMUNION:

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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