

St Mary, Whitegate and St Peter, Little Budworth

Readings for Sunday 19 July – Trinity 7

Holy Communion or Morning Prayer

COLLECT:

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 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: 139:1-11,23,24

O Lord, you have searched me out and known me; ♦
you know my sitting down and my rising up;

you discern my thoughts from afar.

You mark out my journeys and my resting place ♦

and are acquainted with all my ways.

For there is not a word on my tongue, ♦
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

You encompass me behind and before ♦
and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, ♦
so high that I cannot attain it.

Where can I go then from your spirit? ♦
Or where can I flee from your presence?

If I climb up to heaven, you are there; ♦
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

If I take the wings of the morning ♦
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

Even there your hand shall lead me, ♦
your right hand hold me fast.

If I say, 'Surely the darkness will cover me ♦
and the light around me turn to night,'

Even darkness is no darkness with you;
the night is as clear as the day; ♦
darkness and light to you are both alike.

Search me out, O God, and know my heart; ♦

try me and examine my thoughts.

See if there is any way of wickedness in me ♦

and lead me in the way everlasting.

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:

Romans 8: 12-25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption.

When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.

For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

SECOND READING:

Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?"

He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man;

the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

POST COMMUNION:

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, now and for ever.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 26th July		
St Mary's	9.30 am	Holy Communion
St Peter's	11.00 am	Morning Prayer

AFTER THE SERVICE:

Please join us for refreshments. At St Mary's these are served in the Mews which is at the bottom of the steps leading to the village green. Toilets are available in the Mews.

At St Peter's refreshments are served in Church and there is a toilet at the back of church.