

**SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> JULY 2022**  
**7<sup>th</sup> after Trinity**

**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.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading - Ecclesiastes 1.2,12-14,2.18-23**

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of  
vanities! All is vanity. I, the Teacher, when king  
over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and  
to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven;  
it is an unhappy business that God has given to human  
beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are  
done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing  
after wind. I hated all my toil in which I had toiled  
under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who  
come after me - and who knows whether they will be  
wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for  
which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun.  
This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up  
to despair concerning all the toil of my labours under  
the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with  
wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be  
enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is  
vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all  
the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun?  
For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a  
vexation; even at night their minds do not rest.  
This also is vanity.

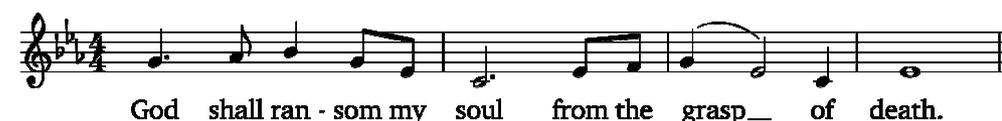
**Psalm - from Psalm 49**

Hear this, all you peoples;  
Listen, all you that dwell in the world,  
You of low or high degree,  
both rich and poor together. **℟**

My mouth shall speak of wisdom  
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.  
I will incline my ear to a parable;  
I will unfold my riddle with the lyre. **℟**

Why should I fear in evil days,  
when the malice of my foes surrounds me,  
Such as trust in their goods  
and glory in the abundance of their riches? **℟**

For no one can indeed ransom another  
or pay to God the price of deliverance.  
To ransom a soul is too costly;  
there is no price one could pay for it,  
So that they might live for ever,  
and never see the grave. **℟**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - Colossians 3.1-11**

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things  
that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right  
hand of God. Set your minds on things that are  
above, not on things that are on earth, for you have  
died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.  
When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you  
also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to  
death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly:  
fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed  
(which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath  
of God is coming on those who are disobedient.  
These are the ways you also once followed, when  
you were living that life. But now you must get rid  
of all such things - anger, wrath, malice, slander,  
and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie  
to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the  
old self with its practices and have clothed  
yourselves with the new self, which is being  
renewed in knowledge according to the image of its  
creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek  
and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian,  
Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

**Gospel - Luke 12.13-21**

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, tell  
my brother to divide the family inheritance with  
me.' But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a  
judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to the  
crowd, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all  
kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the  
abundance of possessions.' Then he told them a  
parable: 'The land of a rich man produced  
abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What  
should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?"  
Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my  
barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all  
my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul,  
Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years;  
relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him,  
"You fool! This very night your life is being  
demanded of you. And the things you have  
prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those  
who store up treasures for themselves but are not  
rich towards God.'

**Post Communion Prayer**

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.

