

Readings, Hymns and Propers for 11th October 2020, Trinity 18

Hymn:

May the mind of Christ my Saviour
live in me day to day,
By his love and power controlling
All I do and say.

May the word of God dwell richly
in my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph
only through his power.

May the peace of God my Father
rule my life in everything,
that I may be calm to comfort
sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me,
As the waters fill the sea;
him exalting, self abasing-
this is victory

May I run the race before me,
strong and brave to face the foe,
looking only unto Jesus
As I onward go

John Wilson

Collect:

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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.

Reading: A Reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4.1-9

Gospel:

Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and Pharisees in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Matthew 22.1-14

Post Communion Prayer: We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:
 for here we receive you,
 here the memory of your passion is renewed,
 here our minds are filled with grace,
 and here a pledge of future glory is given,
 when we shall feast at that table where you reign
 with all your saints for ever.

Hymn:

Angel voices ever singing
 round thy throne of light,
 Angel-harps for ever ringing,
 rest not day nor night;
 Thousands only live to bless thee
 and confess thee
 Lord of might.

Thou who art beyond the farthest
 mortal eye can scan,
 can it be that thou regardest
 songs of sinful man?
 Can we know that thou art near us,
 and wilt hear us?
 Yea, we can.

Yea we know that thou rejoicest
 o'er each work of thine;
 thou didst ears and hands and voices
 for thy praise design;
 craftsman's art and music's measure
 for thy pleasure
 all combine.

In thy house, great God, we offer
 of thine own to thee;
 And for thine acceptance proffer
 all unworthily
 hearts and minds and hands and voices
 in our choicest psalmody.

Honour, glory, might and merit
 thine ever be,
 Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
 Blessed Trinity.
 Of the best that thou hast given
 earth and heaven
 render thee

Francis Pott

