

St Saviour's Church

16 August 2020 - Ordinary Time 20 (10th after Trinity)



How can we explain the brusque, almost rude, response of Jesus to the woman in today's gospel. Many scholars have suggested how and why he spoke like this. What is clear is that it is in line with other passages in Matthew where he is expressing an inclusive vision of God's kingdom (universalist). "So perhaps his treatment of the woman is designed to draw out her inner strength, encouraging her to be bold in claiming God's blessing. St John Chrysostom suggests that Jesus "has put her off" so that he can "proclaim aloud" the greatness of her faith, and "crown" her with praise. (Angus Ritchie, Church Times).

Parish Notes:

Year of Pilgrimage - Many thanks to all who joined and supported the sponsored walk or cycle to Penrhys yesterday. In this time of restricted freedom it was good (no matter the weather) to actually leave the city and visit the shrine and for us to pray together as a community. It is something we'd like to build on over the next season. It is still not too late to make a donation. All proceeds go to St Saviour's fundraising.

Assumption Herbs - blessed and distributed after mass today.

Next Sunday - Reserve your seat at St Saviour's mass via Liz on 07718018846. We also welcome back Fr Jordan Hillebert from St Padarn's, who will preside and preach for us.

Next PCC - is on Wed 19 August at 7pm on Zoom. See Fr Phelim for details.

Geraint's Gift - Thank you to all who contributed to Geraint's ordination gift. £450 was raised to buy his priestly chasuble and stole. Hopefully he'll catch up with us soon.

Make and Mend - there will be a general repair/clean/tidy up day of the church, inside and out on the second Saturday of September. We start in the morning and end just after lunch. Please join us if you can (10am-2pm) Bring your own lunch.

Public Worship - Worship with restrictions is now permissible. Please attend carefully to the safety instructions, posters and guidance from stewards and parish officers during the services. During Holy Communion please stay in your seats and Fr Phelim will bring Holy Communion to you. Social distancing remains our key safety precaution. Face coverings may be worn, according to Welsh government guidance, but are not compulsory. We are not yet able to share communion from the chalice or exchange the peace. Recorded hymns will be played but we can't yet sing along with them.

Faith Nurturing - Our book group was unfortunately postponed last time - due to the heat! We will continue the book in September. 'In Search of a Way' by G. Hughes SJ. at 7pm via Zoom. Contact Fr Phelim for details. We'll look at chapters -4-6.

Recently Departed - Tracey Silver, Stephen Brown (RIP)

Services This Week

Sun 16 - 10th Sunday after Trinity (OT20)

09:30 Mass (St Saviour)
11.00 Mass (St German)
Pen Rhondda Fawr, Philip Leyshon (PinC), Scottish Episcopal Church..

Mon 17:

18:00 Mass (St German)

Tue 18:

10:00 Mass (St Saviour)

Wed 19:

10:00 Mass (St German)
19:00 Faith Group (Zoom)

Thur 20:

17:45 Mass (St Saviour)
St Bernard of Clairvaux

Friday 21:

No Mass today

Saturday 22:

No Mass today

Sun 23 - 11th Sunday after Trinity (OT21)

09:30 Mass (St Saviour)
11.00 Mass (St German)
Pen Rhondda Fawr, Philip Leyshon (PinC), Scottish Episcopal Church.

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Isa 56:1, 6-7
Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6+8
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32
Matt 15:21-28

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Isa 22:19-23
Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6+8
Rom 11:33-36
Matt 16:13-20

PSALM:

Let the peoples praise you,
O God; let all the peoples praise you.
(3vv)

TODAY'S MUSIC

Praise my soul the King of Heaven
 Father hear the prayer we offer!
 All people that on earth do dwell
 Guide me O Thou great Redeemer

COLLECT

Almighty God, Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant — these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

This is the word of the Lord.

Isaiah 56

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**'Let the peoples praise you, O God;
 let all the peoples praise you'**

O God, be gracious and bless us
 and let your face shed its light upon us.
 So will your ways be known upon earth
 and all nations learn your saving help.
R/

Let the nations be glad and exult for you
 rule the world with justice. With
 fairness you rule the peoples, you guide
 the nations on earth. **R/**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
 let all the peoples praise you.
 May God still give us his blessing
 till the ends of the earth revere him. **R/**

Psalm 67

SECOND READING

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I take pride in my ministry in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. For if their rejection brought reconciliation to the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? For God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now[a] receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. For God has bound everyone over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

This is the word of the Lord.

Romans 11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Blessings on the King who comes,
 in the name of the Lord!
 Peace in heaven
 and glory in the highest heavens!
 Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Matthew 15