

St Saviour's Church

19 November 2017 - (Kingdom Season 3)



The Parable of the Talents - This can be a hard passage to understand especially considering the master's exaggerated anger. As ever, the context of Jesus' situation is key. He is surrounded by enemies and approaching his last weeks. He is frustrated at the hardness of heart of those around him. Yet there is 'Good News' to be found in this story: it shows what trusting and free spirited servants of God can do; it shows us a 'master' who does not cling to power but enables us to be fulfilled. The last word is also challenging and encouraging: "Get off your butt and stop pitying yourself! Otherwise you will lose everything you have." (Michel de Verteuil)

Parish Notes:

Cardiff Churches Nightshelter Forms available at the back of the Church for those who want to sign up to help. There will be a training session on Mon 11 December in St German's Hall at 7pm for all our helpers. More details on other training nights to follow.

Cardiff Foodbank - Urgent items: tinned tomatoes, fruit juice (concentrate), rice pudding tins, sponge pudding, tinned fruit. Not now needed: beans, cereals, tea.

Advent Benediction - St Saviour's at 6pm on Sunday 10 December.

Reconciliation Service - St Saviour's at 7pm on 13 December.

New Mass Setting - We introduce our new mass setting on the first Sunday of Advent. If you'd like hear this in advance there is a link to the music on our website or it can be found on Youtube (Steven Janco's Mass of the Angels and Saints.)

Praying the O Antiphons - in the week preceding Christmas we will have some quiet reflections at 7pm, inspired by the O Antiphons (prophetic titles of Christ), in St German's and St Saviour's. It is meant to be a spiritual preparation for Christmas and the anti-dote to the noise and glitz of the 'shopping season'.

Advent and Christmas - Please see poster in the hall outlining some of our other services for Advent and Christmas. Copies are available online and at the back.

Carols and a Cuppa - Please join us at noon on Saturday 23 December when we will offer a warm drink and Christmas Carols to shoppers and visitors on Splott Road.

Recently Departed - Please pray for Sara Meah & Colin Ford. *RIP*

This week:

Mon 20:

6pm Mass (St G)

Tues 21:

10am Mass (St S)
Presentation of BVM

Wed 22:

10am Mass (St G)
St Cecilia

Thur 23:

5:45pm Mass (St S)
St Clement

Fri 24:

No mass this week

Sat 25:

11am Mass (St S.)
St Catherine

Sun 26:

St Saviour:

Sung Mass 9:30;

St German:

11 am Sung Mass;

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Prov 31:10-13, 19-20,
30-31
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
1 Thess 5:1-6
Matt 25:14-30

READINGS NEXT WEEK

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Matt 25:14-15, 19-21

PSALM RESPONSE

'O blessed are those
who fear the
Lord.' (3vs)

COLLECT:

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; grant this for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

GATHERING:

Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee,
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee,
Filled with messages from Thee.

OFFERTORY:

The kingdom of God
is justice and joy;
for Jesus restores
what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory
in Jesus we know
and here and hereafter
the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God
is mercy and grace;
the captives are freed,
the sinners find place,
the outcast are welcomed
God's banquet to share;
and hope is awakened
in place of despair.

The kingdom of God
is challenge and choice:
believe the good news,
repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners
brought Christ to his cross:
our crisis of judgement
for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come,
the gift and the goal;
in Jesus begun,
in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom
shall answer his call
and all things cry 'Glory!'
to God all in all.

COMMUNION:

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the sceptre, His the throne.
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
has redeemed us by His blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now.
Alleluia! He is near us;
faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud
from sight received Him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget His promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
here on earth our food, our stay.
Alleluia! Here the sinful
flee to You from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, hear our plea
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

FINAL HYMN:

At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him
King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure

we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning
was the mighty Word.

At his voice creation
sprang at once to sight:
all the angel faces,
all the hosts of light,
thrones and dominations,
stars upon their way,
all the heavenly orders
in their great array.

Humbled for a season,
to receive a name
from the lips of sinners,
unto whom he came;
faithfully he bore it
spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious
when from death he passed;

Bore it up triumphant,
with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures,
to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead,
to the Father's breast,
filled it with the glory
of that perfect rest.

In your hearts enthrone him;
there let him subdue
all that is not holy,
all that is not true.
Look to him, your Saviour,
in temptations' hour;
let his will enfold you
in its light and power.

Christians, this Lord Jesus
shall return again,
with his Father's glory
o'er the earth to reign;
for all wreaths of empire
meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him
King of glory now.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Proverbs
A perfect wife – who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husband's heart has confidence
in her, from her he will derive no
little profit. Advantage and not hurt
she brings him all the days of her
life.

She is always busy with wool and
with flax, she does her work with
eager hands.

She sets her hands to the distaff, her
fingers grasp the spindle.

She holds out her hand to the poor,
she opens her arms to the needy.

Charm is deceitful, and beauty
empty; the woman who is wise is
the one to praise.

Give her a share in what her hands
have worked for, and let her works
tell her praises at the city gates.

Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**Response: 'O blessed are those
who fear the Lord.'**

O blessed are those
who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands
you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. **R/**

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children
like shoots of the olive,
around your table. **R/**

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life. **R/**

Psalms 127

SECOND READING:

A reading from St Paul's first letter
to the Thessalonians.

You will not be expecting us to write
anything to you, brothers, about
'times and seasons', since you know
very well that the Day of the Lord is
going to come like a thief in the
night. It is when people are saying,
'How quiet and peaceful it is' that
the worst suddenly happens, as
suddenly as labour pains come on a
pregnant woman; and there will be
no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the
dark, my brothers, for that Day to
overtake you like a thief. No, you are
all sons of light and sons of the day:
we do not belong to the night or to
darkness, so we should not go on
sleeping, as everyone else does, but
stay wide awake and sober.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

GOSPEL:

A reading from the Holy Gospel
according to St Matthew.

[Jesus spoke this parable to his
disciples.] 'For it is as if a man,
going on a journey, summoned his
slaves and entrusted his property to
them; to one he gave five talents, to
another two, to another one, to each
according to his ability. Then he
went away. The one who had
received the five talents went off at
once and traded with them, and
made five more talents. In the same
way, the one who had the two
talents made two more talents. But
the one who had received the one
talent went off and dug a hole in the
ground and hid his master's money.
After a long time the master of those
slaves came and settled accounts
with them. Then the one who had
received the five talents came
forward, bringing five more talents,
saying, "Master, you handed over to
me five talents; see, I have made five
more talents." His master said to
him, "Well done, good and
trustworthy slave; you have been

trustworthy in a few things, I will
put you in charge of many things;
enter into the joy of your master."
And the one with the two talents
also came forward, saying, "Master,
you handed over to me two talents;
see, I have made two more talents."
His master said to him, "Well done,
good and trustworthy slave; you
have been trustworthy in a few
things, I will put you in charge of
many things; enter into the joy of
your master." Then the one who had
received the one talent also came
forward, saying, "Master, I knew that
you were a harsh man, reaping
where you did not sow, and
gathering where you did not scatter
seed; so I was afraid, and I went and
hid your talent in the ground. Here
you have what is yours." But his
master replied, "You wicked and lazy
slave! You knew, did you, that I reap
where I did not sow, and gather
where I did not scatter? Then you
ought to have invested my money
with the bankers, and on my return I
would have received what was my
own with interest. So take the talent
from him, and give it to the one with
the ten talents. For to all those who
have, more will be given, and they
will have an abundance; but from
those who have nothing, even what
they have will be taken away. As for
this worthless slave, throw him into
the outer darkness, where there will
be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Matthew 25:1-13