



The EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY after TRINITY

11th October 2020

Welcome to St Mary's on this, the Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity. Our president and preacher today is Fr Andrew and our organist is John March.

If you are attending the service in person, please wait for directions to go up for communion. We will be receiving communion in one kind only.

To join us online, go to: <https://bit.ly/StMarysKT>.

You can also join the service by phone on **020 8080 6591**. When prompted, key in the **Meeting ID: 981 5467 9178** and **Password: 254560**.

This service will be recorded and posted online afterwards.

OLD TESTAMENT READING (Exodus 32, verses 1–14)

Reader: Adina Michael-Titus

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, 'Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.' Aaron said to them, 'Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.' So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mould, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, 'Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD.' They rose early the next day, and offered burnt-offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The LORD said to Moses, 'Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸ they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it,

and said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” ’ The LORD said to Moses, ‘I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.’

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, ‘O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, “It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth”? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, “I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever.” ’ And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

This is the word of The Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 106, verses 1–6

Refrain

The Lord remembered his covenant.

Alleluia.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious,
for his faithfulness endures for ever.

Who can express the mighty acts of the Lord
or show forth all his praise

Blessed are those who observe what is right
and always do what is just.

The Lord remembered his covenant.

Remember me, O Lord, in the favour you bear for your people;
visit me in the day of your salvation;

That I may see the prosperity of your chosen
and rejoice in the gladness of your people,
and exult with your inheritance.

The Lord remembered his covenant.

We have sinned like our forebears;
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

The Lord remembered his covenant.

THE EPISTLE (Philippians 4, verses 1–9)

Reader: Siriol Hugh-Jones

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.

This is the word of The Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL (Matthew 22, verses 1–14)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Once more Jesus spoke to them 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 all 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.’

This is the Gospel of The Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The **HOMILY**, by **Fr Andrew**

The **INTERCESSIONS**, led by **Gladys Mundowa**

The **LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES AND EVENTS

Please be cautious in attending church services. Please sign in on arrival, use the hand sanitiser, wear a mask (unless exempted), and observe social distancing.

MONDAY, 8 am – 1pm: Big Issue sales; visitors welcome from 10 am.

MONDAY, 9.30 am: Morning Prayer (BCP).

TUESDAY, 6 pm: Brighton Aerial Arts (Hall).

TUESDAY, 6.30 pm: Evening Prayer.

TUESDAY, 7.15 pm: Choir Practice.

WEDNESDAY, 8.30 am: Morning Prayer (CW).

WEDNESDAY, 10 am – 1 pm: Big Issue sales; visitors welcome from 10am.

WEDNESDAY, 12.30 pm: Midweek Eucharist with The Revd Canon Neil Milmine.

WEDNESDAY, 2.30 pm: Brighton Women's Centre Foodbank (Hall).

WEDNESDAY, 6 pm: Brighton Aerial Arts (Hall).

THURSDAY, 4 pm: Young Actors Group (Hall).

THURSDAY, 7.30 pm: Actually Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal.

FRIDAY, 9.30 am: Morning Prayer (CW).

SATURDAY, 10.45 am: AA Newcomers (Hall).

SATURDAY, 2 pm: Small Performance Adventures (Hall).

SUNDAY, 10 am: Said Eucharist.

SUNDAY, 14.30 pm: Contemporary Music for All.

*Enquiries about baptism, confirmation, marriage, funerals, confessions, and counselling may be made to the Vicar, **Fr Andrew Woodward**, by phone: 01273 698601 or email: ruraldeanbrighton@gmail.com.*

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