

Daily Bread

Feria of 15th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday, 15th July

Isaiah 1: 10-17;
Matthew 10: 34 - 11: 1

Tuesday, 16th July

Isaiah 7: 1-9;
Matthew 11: 20-24

Wednesday, 17th July

Isaiah 10: 5-7, 13-16;
Matthew 11: 25-27

Thursday, 18th July

Isaiah 26: 7-9, 12, 16-29;
Matthew 11: 28-30

Friday, 19th July

Isaiah 38: 1-6, 21;
Matthew 12: 1-8

Saturday, 20th July

Micah 2: 1-5; Matthew 12: 14-21

Sunday, 21st July

9th Sunday after Pentecost
Jeremiah 23: 1-6; Psalm 23;
Ephesians 2: 11-22;
Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56
Eucharist (St John's Church),
11.30am

Announcements

Next Sunday, 21 July: There will be no service at St Serf's Church on Sunday, 21 July. There will be a 1982 Eucharist at St John's Church at 11.30am. All are welcome.

Morning Prayer will be livestreamed at 9am on Facebook on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Discussion Group: The Monday afternoon discussion group will continue on **Monday 15th July** at **St Serf's** at **3pm**. All are welcome. We will be watching together and discussing the dramatisation of Jesus' ministry called "The Chosen". For more details please ask Revd Tess. A Zoom link is available for those unable to attend in person - please ask Tess.

Days Off: Revd Tess takes **Thursday** and **Friday** as days off.



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(Incorporating St John's,
Baillieston; St Kentigern's,
Dennistoun and St Serf's,
Shettleston)

8th Sunday after Pentecost

14th July 2024

Welcome to our church for this Sunday's service; do stay for tea or coffee afterwards, we look forward to meeting you. If the morning service is the celebration of the Eucharist, all are welcome to make their communion here. Or if you prefer to receive a blessing, please come forward to the rail with arms by your sides.

Collect

O God, you have prepared for those who love you good things no eye has seen: pour into our hearts such love of you, that, by loving you in all things and above all things, we may be worthy of your promises, which surpass all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.



Lectionary

Amos 7: 7-15

A reading from the book of the prophet Amos.

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb line.' Then the Lord said, 'See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.' Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, "Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land." And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.' Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."'

Psalm 85: 8-13

R Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

R

10 Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

R

12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

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Ephesians 1: 3-14

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been

destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Mark 6: 14-29

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

King Herod heard of the healings and other miracles, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.' For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she

pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the Baptist.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptizer on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Post Communion

Living God, in this sacrament we have shared in your eternal kingdom. May we who taste this mystery forever serve you in faith, hope and love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Intercessions

Please pray for:

Those who are sick or in hospital:

Dorothea, David, Alex, Elizabeth, Valerie, Ina, Joseph, Liz, Harry John, Danut, Mihaela, Alan, Janet, Christina, Robert, John, Ferne, Sarah, Lewis, Jeremy, Ralph, Ann and Ashley.

Faithful departed anniversaries:

Jim Forrester, Annie Bryce, William Dalziel and Myra Laird.

Reflection

The story of the killing of John the Baptist is told vividly and spares no detail of its horror. There is much similarity to the story of the death of Jesus, but of course, the parallel is not complete because our Lord's death was not an end but a beginning. The story of the death of John by Herod, at the instigation of Herodias, is itself a warning against the petty irritations that can swell into hatred, and the weakness that gives way to evil for the sake of peace and personal reputation.

William Blake wrote:

*I was angry with my friend:
I told my wrath, my wrath did end.
I was angry with my foe:
I told it not, my wrath did grow.*

*And I watered it in fears,
Night and morning with my tears;
And I sunned it with smiles,
And with soft deceitful wiles.*

*And it grew both day and night,
Till it bore an apple bright;
And my foe beheld it shine,
And he knew that it was mine,*

*And into my garden stole
When the night had veiled the pole;
In the morning glad I see
My foe outstretched beneath the tree.*

Taken from *Following the Gospel through the Year* by Raymond Chapman. Canterbury Press.