

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



04th of October

Take me home!

Priest's Tidings

Church, people of God of today, the Lord asks an answer from us: look at all the good things he has given us: our faith, the people around us, his own kingdom lovingly entrusted to us, and what have we done with all this? Have we cared for his trusting love? Let us ask Jesus in this eucharist that from now on we may give with Jesus an eager and generous answer to our Father in heaven.

A good farmer, even one who rents the land, takes care of his fields and crops even more than a trader of his business. For he loves all that grows and bears fruit; there is life in it, he can see it grow. God loves his people, the vineyard he has planted and surrounded with loving care. His Son died for us, his people, that it might live and grow. God has entrusted this vineyard to us, leaders and people together, not as a privilege but as a field to work in, so that it can bear rich fruits of justice and love. Where are these fruits?

Fr Hugo



**Entrance Hymn: -532 - All creatures of our God and King,
Verses 1,2,5 & 7.**

Collect:

Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

First Reading:

Reading from the book of Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones and planted choice vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah,
I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done?
I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead?
Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

R./ The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.**R/**

Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked by all who pass by. It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field.**R/**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted.**R/**

And we shall never forsake you again; give us life that we may call upon your name. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.**R/**

Gospel Acclamation :

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Hear the The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit..

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

Prayers of Intercession

R/ Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer

Father Creator, raise up among us prophets and preachers who will tell of your mighty acts and your saving power. To scientists and research workers give vision of the wonder and mystery of your world. Bless your Church with an awareness of and living relationship with Christ, that it may witness to the power of the resurrection. We pray for all Christians who are suffering from persecution or rejection. **R/**

Father Creator, we ask your blessing upon leaders of peoples and all who influence our lives by their decisions. Give them wisdom and respect in all their dealings. We pray for all who work in the field of genetics and those who influence our world by their actions. We remember all who seek to show us how to care for the world. **R/**

Father Creator, we give thanks for our homes and our loved ones. We ask your blessing upon all homes where there is tension and misunderstanding. We pray for marriages that are struggling and families that are in danger of falling apart. We remember all who feel rejected or neglected. **R/**

Father Creator, we give thanks for all you have given to us. We pray for the world poor, the oppressed and all who are suffering from violence. We remember those who have been driven off their own land and all who are refugees. We ask your blessing upon all who are ill or who have been injured and all who are fearful for their future. **R/**

Heavenly Father, we lift St Matthew's Elephant and Castle to You. By Your Spirit, grow Your church in number, faith, and love. Draw those who are searching to Christ, equip us to share the Gospel with boldness, and make us a welcoming community where lives are transformed. May all who come encounter Your presence. In Jesus' mighty name we pray. Amen. **R/**

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

Offertory 646 - God is working his purpose out,

Communion Hymn: What a Beautiful Name ,

You were the Word at the beginning
One With God, the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You, our Christ
What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus, You brought heaven down
My sin was great, Your love was
greater
What could separate us now?
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The Name of Jesus Christ, my King
What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
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How sweet is your name, Lord, how
good You are
Love to sing in the name of the Lord,
love to sing of who You are
Death could not hold You, the veil
tore before You
You silenced the boast, of sin and

grave
The heavens are roaring, the praise
of Your glory
For You are raised to life again
You have no rival, You have no equal
Now and forever, Our God reigns
Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the
glory
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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. **Amen**

ALL: Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Strengthen us by the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. **Amen.**

Recessional 494 - I, the Lord of sea and sky

Prayer and Meditation

Reflection Reading:

The parable of the wicked tenants speaks about the rejection of God and His messengers. The tenants mistreat and kill the owner's servants, and even his son, because they want to keep the inheritance for themselves.

Jesus teaches that the Kingdom of God will be given to those who produce good fruits. The "stone that the builders rejected" represents Jesus, who, despite being rejected, has a central place in God's plan.

The parable invites us to respond to God with faithfulness, showing our faith not only through words but also through our actions and the fruits we produce in our lives.

It also reminds us that continually rejecting God's will has consequences, while accepting His message allows us to participate in His Kingdom and continue His mission.

Personal Questions:

- How do I respond when my love, generosity, or efforts are not appreciated?
- Am I able to respond with the same patience and mercy that Jesus showed, even when I feel betrayed or disappointed?

Concluding Prayer:

The prayer reflects on the pain of ingratitude and betrayal and invites us to follow the example of Jesus by acting with patience, mercy, and humility. We ask God not to abandon His people and to guide us towards salvation. As long as we sincerely seek His face, His mercy remains open to us.

What's happening in our Parish! Sunday

Mission WhatsApp Groups

We have a series of WhatsApp groups with activities voted for by the congregation. Please have a look and see if you would like to join one: if you are already in one, please think of ways you can proactively help run the activity you have volunteered for.

Welcoming at our Eucharist

Are you able to arrive at 9.15am to help welcome people into our church? If so, it would be lovely to have you join the welcoming team! Please chat to Cynthia so we can add you to the rota



Regular Giving

Many thanks for your generous giving to the ministry of St Matthews' each week. If you have taken home a red envelope please fill out the form and return it so we can plan our future developments of St Matthew's

Youth Club

Our Youth Club runs on Fridays from 5-7pm at Christ Church, 90 Brixton Road, SW9 6BE. All 14-18 year olds are welcome!

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