



ARCH Group's aim: "To show love for God and You"

Sunday 26th October
Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Today's Collect

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 forever.

Today's Post Communion

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Next Week Services: Sunday 2nd November

10:00am	Rous Lench	Benefice Communion
6:00pm	Harvington	Service of Light
6:00pm	Church Lench	Tree of Light

*All are invited to the Licencing Service for our new Rector Rev Glenn Reading at 3pm on 23rd November at Harvington Church.
Refreshments and cash bar provided at the coach and horses after.*

Prayer of Intercession

Merciful God, we pray for all people the world over who, like the Pharisee, think themselves better than most. We ask your hand on those whose eyes are blind to their own shortcomings, hearts that are full of their own importance, minds that fail to acknowledge the worth of others.

Merciful God, may those of humble heart and mind

draw strength from your pools of blessing.

We pray for those killed protesting for peace, for the many migrant children, for all who are being exploited by others, those drawn in to gang culture, or the world of drugs, or sex trades.

Merciful God, may those of humble heart and mind

draw strength from your pools of blessing.

We pray for your church. May all who profess to serve and follow you be aware of their own shortcomings and vulnerabilities, be honest and true, living lives worthy of your name. We pray for the stability of this country's government, may they be in tune with people from all walks of life and with you.

Merciful God, may those of humble heart and mind

draw strength from your pools of blessing.

We pray for the vulnerable, that their needs, whatever they may be, will be met: especially those awaiting operations or test results; and those needing to use the food banks in our communities, many of which are in crisis due to depleted donations. May all your created people recognise the equal worth of others.

Merciful God, may those of humble heart and mind

draw strength from your pools of blessing. Amen.

This Week's First Reading: *Joel 2.23-end.*

²³ Be glad, people of Zion, rejoice in the Lord your God, for he has given you the autumn rains because he is faithful. He sends you abundant showers, both autumn and spring rains, as before.²⁴ The threshing floors will be filled with grain; the vats will overflow with new wine and oil. ²⁵ “I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten— the great locust and the young locust, the other locusts and the locust swarm — my great army that I sent among you. ²⁶ You will have plenty to eat, until you are full, and you will praise the name of the Lord your God, who has worked wonders for you; never again will my people be shamed. ²⁷ Then you will know that I am in Israel, that I am the Lord your God, and that there is no other; never again will my people be shamed.

²⁸ “And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. ²⁹ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.³⁰ I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and billows of smoke. ³¹ The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. ³² And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance, as the Lord has said, even among the survivors whom the Lord calls.

This Week's Psalm: *Psalm 65.*

For the director of music. A psalm of David. A song.

1. Praise awaits you, our God, in Zion; to you our vows will be fulfilled.
2. You who answer prayer, to you all people will come.
3. When we were overwhelmed by sins, you forgave our transgressions.
4. Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts! We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple.
5. You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds, God our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas,
6. who formed the mountains by your power, having armed yourself with strength,
7. who stilled the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the turmoil of the nations.
8. The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders; where morning dawns, where evening fades, you call forth songs of joy.
9. You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly. The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain, for so you have ordained it.
10. You drench its furrows and level its ridges; you soften it with showers and bless its crops.
11. You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance.
12. The grasslands of the wilderness overflow; the hills are clothed with gladness.
13. The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with grain; they shout for joy and sing.

This Week's Second Reading: *2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18.*

⁶ For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing. ¹⁶ At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. ¹⁷ But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

This Week's Gospel Reading: *Luke 18.9-14.*

The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

⁹ To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: ¹⁰

“two men went up to the temple to pray, one a pharisee and the other a tax collector.

¹¹ The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people -robbers, evildoers, adulterers – or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week and give away a tenth of all I get.’

¹³ But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’

Continued: *Luke 18.9-14.*

¹⁴ I tell you this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Next Week’s First Reading: *Daniel 7.1-3, 15-18.*

¹ In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream, and visions passed through his mind as he was lying in bed. He wrote down the substance of his dream. ² Daniel said: “In my vision at night I looked, and there before me were the four winds of heaven churning up the great sea. ³ Four great beasts, each different from the others, came up out of the sea.

¹⁵ “I, Daniel, was troubled in spirit, and the visions that passed through my mind disturbed me. ¹⁶ I approached one of those standing there and asked him the meaning of all this. “So he told me and gave me the interpretation of these things: ¹⁷ ‘The four great beasts are four kings that will rise from the earth. ¹⁸ But the holy people of the Most High will receive the kingdom and will possess it forever—yes, for ever and ever.’

Next Week’s Psalm: *Psalms 149.*

1. Praise the LORD. Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of his faithful people.
2. Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; let the people of Zion be glad in their King.
3. Let them praise his name with dancing and make music to him with timbrel and harp.
4. For the LORD takes delight in his people; he crowns the humble with victory.

Continued: *psalm 149.*

5. Let his faithful people rejoice in this honor and sing for joy on their beds.
6. May the praise of God be in their mouths and a double-edged sword in their hands,
7. to inflict vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples,
8. to bind their kings with fetters, their nobles with shackles of iron,
9. to carry out the sentence written against them— this is the glory of all his faithful people. Praise the LORD.

Next week's second Reading: *Ephesians 11- End.*

¹¹ In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, ¹² in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. ¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵ For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, ¹⁶ I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for

us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Next Weeks Gospel Reading: *Luke 6.20-31.*

⁹ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰ ‘Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, “God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax- collector.

¹² I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.” ¹³ But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner!” ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.’