

**WELCOME TO THE  
ECO LECTINARY**

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next few services**

## ECO

Sunday 15th October 2023

19th Sunday after Trinity

Proper 23

### Isaiah 25.1-9

1 O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

2 For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt.

3 Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

4 For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,

5 the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

6 On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.

7 And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations;

8 he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

9 It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

### Psalms 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

3 He shall refresh my soul and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.

6 Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

### Philippians 4.1-9

1 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

2 I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.

3 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.

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

6 Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 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.

9 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.

### Matthew 22.1-14

1 Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying:

2 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son.

3 He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come.

4 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."

5 But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business,

6 while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them.

7 The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city.

8 Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy.

9 Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet."

10 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.

11 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe,

12 and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless.

13 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."

14 For many are called, but few are chosen.'

**ECO**

**Sunday 22nd October 2023**

**20th Sunday after Trinity**

**Proper 23**

**Isaiah 45 vv 1-7**

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed:

I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron,

I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me.

I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other.

I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

**Psalms 96.1 - 9**

1 Sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

2 Sing to the Lord and bless his name;  
tell out his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the nations  
and his wonders among all peoples.

4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;  
he is more to be feared than all gods.

5 For all the gods of the nations are but idols;  
it is the Lord who made the heavens.

6 Honour and majesty are before him;  
power and splendour are in his sanctuary.

7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples;  
ascribe to the Lord honour and strength.

8 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;  
bring offerings and come into his courts.

9 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
let the whole earth tremble before him.

**1 Thessalonians 1.1-10**

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,  
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and  
the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

2 We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention  
you in our prayers, constantly

3 remembering before our God and Father your work of  
faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our  
Lord Jesus Christ.

4 For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he  
has chosen you,

5 because our message of the gospel came to you not in  
word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with

full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we  
proved to be among you for your sake.

6 And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite  
of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the  
Holy Spirit,

7 so that you became an example to all the believers in  
Macedonia and in Achaia.

8 For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not  
only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your  
faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to  
speak about it.

9 For the people of those regions report about us what kind  
of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God  
from idols, to serve a living and true God,

10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from  
the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is  
coming.

**Matthew 22.15-22**

15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in  
what he said.

16 So they sent their disciples to him, along with the  
Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere,  
and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show  
deference to no one; for you do not regard people with  
partiality.

17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the  
emperor, or not?'

18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you  
putting me to the test, you hypocrites?

19 Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him  
a denarius.

20 Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose  
title?'

21 They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them,  
'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the  
emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.'

22 When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left  
him and went away.

**ECO**

**Sunday 29th October 2023**

**Celebrating Festival of Simon and Jude (Apostles)**

**Isaiah 28 vv 14—16**

14 Therefore hear the word of the Lord, you scoffers who rule this people in Jerusalem.

15 Because you have said, 'We have made a covenant with death, and with Sheol we have an agreement; when the overwhelming scourge passes through it will not come to us; for we have made lies our refuge, and in falsehood we have taken shelter';

16 therefore thus says the Lord God, See, I am laying in Zion a foundation stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation: 'One who trusts will not panic.'

**Psalm 119.89 - 96**

89 O Lord, your word is everlasting; it ever stands firm in the heavens.

90 Your faithfulness also remains from one generation to another; you have established the earth and it abides.

91 So also your judgements stand firm this day, for all things are your servants.

92 If your law had not been my delight, I should have perished in my trouble.

93 I will never forget your commandments, for by them you have given me life.

94 I am yours, O save me! For I have sought your commandments.

95 The wicked have waited for me to destroy me, but I will meditate on your testimonies.

96 I have seen an end of all perfection, but your commandment knows no bounds.

**Ephesians 2 19—22 (end)**

19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God,

20 built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.

21 In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord;

22 in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

**John 15 17 - 27 (end)**

17 [Jesus said] I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

18 'If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you.

19 If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world—therefore the world hates you.

20 Remember the word that I said to you, "Servants are not greater than their master." If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also.

21 But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me.

22 If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin.

23 Whoever hates me hates my Father also.

24 If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not have sin. But now they have seen and hated both me and my Father.

25 It was to fulfil the word that is written in their law, "They hated me without a cause."

26 'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf.

27 You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

## ECO

Sunday 5th November

4th Sunday before Advent

### Micah 3.5-end

5 Thus says the Lord concerning the prophets who lead my people astray, who cry 'Peace' when they have something to eat, but declare war against those who put nothing into their mouths.

6 Therefore it shall be night to you, without vision, and darkness to you, without revelation. The sun shall go down upon the prophets, and the day shall be black over them; 7 the seers shall be disgraced, and the diviners put to shame; they shall all cover their lips, for there is no answer from God.

8 But as for me, I am filled with power, with the spirit of the Lord, and with justice and might, to declare to Jacob his transgression and to Israel his sin.

9 Hear this, you rulers of the house of Jacob and chiefs of the house of Israel, who abhor justice and pervert all equity, 10 who build Zion with blood and Jerusalem with wrong!

11 Its rulers give judgement for a bribe, its priests teach for a price, its prophets give oracles for money; yet they lean upon the Lord and say, 'Surely the Lord is with us! No harm shall come upon us.'

12 Therefore because of you Zion shall be ploughed as a field; Jerusalem shall become a heap of ruins, and the mountain of the house a wooded height.

### Psalms 43

1 Give judgement for me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.

2 For you are the God of my refuge; why have you cast me from you, and why go I so heavily, while the enemy oppresses me?

3 O send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling, 4 That I may go to the altar of God, to the God of my joy and gladness; and on the lyre I will give thanks to you, O God my God.

5 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, and why are you so disquieted within me?

6 O put your trust in God; for I will yet give him thanks, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

### 1 Thessalonians 2.9-13

9 You remember our labour and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.

10 You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was towards you believers.

11 As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children,

12 urging and encouraging you and pleading that you should lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

13 We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is,

God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

### Matthew 24.1-14

1 As Jesus came out of the temple and was going away, his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple.

2 Then he asked them, 'You see all these, do you not? Truly I tell you, not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

3 When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?'

4 Jesus answered them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray.

5 For many will come in my name, saying, "I am the Messiah!" and they will lead many astray.

6 And you will hear of wars and rumours of wars; see that you are not alarmed; for this must take place, but the end is not yet.

7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places:

8 all this is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

9 'Then they will hand you over to be tortured and will put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of my name.

10 Then many will fall away, and they will betray one another and hate one another.

11 And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray.

12 And because of the increase of lawlessness, the love of many will grow cold.

13 But anyone who endures to the end will be saved.

14 And this good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world, as a testimony to all the nations; and then the end will come.