

GOSPEL: Matthew 21. 33-46*The wicked tenants.*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: 'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, 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 said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.' When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Intercessions St Margaret's: Anne Officer
Holy Trinity: Carleen Broad

Offertory Hymn 321

Communion Hymns 311, 48

Post Communion Prayer: Almighty God, may we who have been strengthened by this eucharist remain in your steadfast love, and show in our lives the saving mystery that we celebrate. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Recessional Hymn 76

Please pray for the sick: especially Ned Smith, Rosie Menzies and Jack Townsend.

Evensong, Elgin 6.30 pm

Old Testament: Josuah 3. 7-17

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 2. 6-16

Psalms: 125, 126

Readings for Sunday 12th October 2008:

Old Testament: Exodus 32. 1-14

New Testament: Philippians 4. 1-9

Psalms: 106. 1-6, 19-23

Gospel: Matthew 22. 1-14

Holy Trinity, Elgin
with St Margaret's, Lossiemouth,
St Margaret's, Aberlour
& St Michael's, Dufftown

Welcome to the Scottish Episcopal Church. This parish welcomes members of other denominations to share in its worship. If you would like to receive Communion with us please come to the altar where all are welcome.

Sunday 5th Oct 2008 21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8.00 am Holy Communion SPB 20th Sunday after Trinity, Elgin

President: Canon Ruth Tait

9.30 am Eucharist, Dufftown

President: Revd Christopher Ketley

9.30 am Family Eucharist, Lossiemouth

President: Revd Jenny Sclater

11.00 am Matins, Dufftown: Lay led

11.00 am Eucharist, Aberlour

President: Revd Christopher Ketley

11.00 am Family Eucharist, Elgin

President: Revd Jenny Sclater

6.30 pm Evensong, Elgin: Jeff Lowndes

Monday 6th October

9.00 am Morning Prayer, Elgin

5.45 pm Evening Prayer, Elgin

6.00 pm Peace Eucharist, Elgin

Tuesday 7th October

8.45 am Morning Prayer, Elgin

9.00 am Eucharist, Elgin

5.30 pm Evening Prayer, Elgin

Wednesday 8th October Alexander Forbes

7.45 am Morning Prayer, Elgin

8.00 am Eucharist, Elgin

5.30 pm Evening Prayer, Elgin

Thursday 9th October

09.00 am Morning Prayer, Elgin

10.00 am Eucharist, Lossiemouth

5.00 pm Evening Prayer, Lossiemouth

Friday 10th October

09.00 am Morning Prayer, Elgin

11.00 am Eucharist, Elgin

5.30 pm Evening Prayer, Elgin

Saturday 11th October Kenneth

No Services

Collect: Almighty God, you have built your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone. Join us together in unity of spirit by their teaching that we may become a holy temple, acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading Exodus 20. 1-4, 7-9, 12-20

The Ten Commandments.

Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour. When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, 'You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die.' Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.'

PSALM 19

Response: *The commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.*

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork. One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another. Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard, Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world. **R**

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course. It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat. **R**

PSALM 19 continued

Response: *The commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.*

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent. The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes. **R**

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb. **R**

By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward. Who can tell how often he offends? Cleanse me from my secret faults. **R**

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offence. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. **R**

Second Reading Philippians 3. 4-14

Paul introduces dangers and hopes in the current situation.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.