

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

### Jeremiah 2.4-13

<sup>4</sup> Hear the word of the LORD, you descendants of Jacob,  
all you clans of Israel.

<sup>5</sup> **This is what the LORD says:**

“What fault did your ancestors find in me,  
that they strayed so far from me?

They followed worthless idols  
and became worthless themselves.

<sup>6</sup> They did not ask, ‘Where is the LORD,  
who brought us up out of Egypt  
and led us through the barren wilderness,  
through a land of deserts and ravines,

a land of drought and utter darkness,  
a land where no one travels and no one lives?’

<sup>7</sup> I brought you into a fertile land  
to eat its fruit and rich produce.

But you came and defiled my land  
and made my inheritance detestable.

<sup>8</sup> The priests did not ask,  
‘Where is the LORD?’

Those who deal with the law did not know me;  
the leaders rebelled against me.

The prophets prophesied by Baal,  
following worthless idols.

<sup>9</sup> “Therefore I bring charges against you again,”  
declares the LORD.

“And I will bring charges against your children’s  
children.

<sup>10</sup> Cross over to the coasts of Cyprus and look,  
send to Kedar and observe closely;  
see if there has ever been anything like this:

<sup>11</sup> Has a nation ever changed its gods?  
(Yet they are not gods at all.)

But my people have exchanged their glorious God  
for worthless idols.

<sup>12</sup> Be appalled at this, you heavens, and shudder with  
great horror,” declares the LORD.

<sup>13</sup> “My people have committed two sins:

They have forsaken me,  
the spring of living water,

and have dug their own cisterns,  
broken cisterns that cannot hold water.

## PSALM: 81.1,10-16

Sing for joy to God our strength;  
shout aloud to the God of Jacob!

<sup>10</sup> I am the LORD your God,  
who brought you up out of Egypt.  
Open wide your mouth and I will fill it.

<sup>11</sup> “But my people would not listen to me;  
Israel would not submit to me.

<sup>12</sup> So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts  
to follow their own devices.

<sup>13</sup> “If my people would only listen to me,  
if Israel would only follow my ways,

<sup>14</sup> how quickly I would subdue their enemies  
and turn my hand against their foes!

<sup>15</sup> Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him,  
and their punishment would last forever.

<sup>16</sup> But you would be fed with the finest of wheat;  
with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.”

## COLLECT:

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in  
showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a  
measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your  
commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and  
be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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.

## GOSPEL

### Luke 14.1,7-14

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a  
prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched.

When he noticed how the guests picked the places of  
honour at the table, Jesus told them this parable: “When  
someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the  
place of honour, for a person more distinguished than you  
may have been invited. If so, the host who invited both of  
you will come and say to you, ‘Give this man your seat.’  
Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least  
important place. But when you are invited, take the  
lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to  
you, ‘Friend, move up to a better place.’ Then you will be  
honoured in the presence of all your fellow guests. For  
everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who  
humbles himself will be exalted.”

Then Jesus said to his host, “When you give a luncheon  
or dinner, do not invite your friends, brothers, relatives, or  
your rich neighbours; if you do, they may invite you back  
and so you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet,  
invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you  
will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will  
be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

## POST COMMUNION

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have  
celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our  
sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion  
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve  
us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## EPISTLE

### Hebrews 13.1-8,15-16

Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

Marriage should be honoured by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

“Never will I leave you;  
never will I forsake you.”

So we say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.  
What can mere mortals do to me?”

Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

## SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September

09.30 COV: Parish Communion (*Revd P Howson*)  
09.30 SPA: Morning Worship (*Jill Dighton*)  
10.45 KIM: Family Service (*Revd P Howson*)  
18.00 STO: Evensong (*Revd Dr J Rawlinson*)

### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

10.30 KIM: Holy Communion (*Revd R Lancaster*)

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September

09.30 TIL: Family Service (*Lay Leader*)  
09.30 EAS: Parish Communion (*Revd P Howson*)  
10.45 KIM: Family Communion (*Revd P Howson*)

### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September

10.30 KIM: Holy Communion (*Revd Dr J Rawlinson*)

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September

09.30 STO: Family Communion (*Revd Dr J Rawlinson*)  
09.30 COV: Morning Worship (*Lay Leader*)  
09.30 SPA: Parish Communion (*Revd P Howson*)  
10.45 KIM: Matins (*Revd R Lancaster*)  
11.00 BAR: Parish Communion (*Revd P Howson*)

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September

10.30 KIM: Holy Communion (*Revd P Howson*)

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

09.30 TIL: Parish Communion (*Revd P Howson*)  
09.30 EAS: Morning Worship (*Lay Leader*)  
10.45 KIM: Parish Communion (*Revd P Howson*)  
18.00 KIM: Evensong (*Revd P Howson*)

### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September

10.30 KIM: Holy Communion (*Revd P Howson*)

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September

10.45 EAS: Group Service (*Revd P Howson*)

### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

10.30 KIM: Holy Communion (*Revd Dr J Rawlinson*)

## The South Leightonstone Group of Parishes

(*Barham & Woolley, Covington, Easton, Kimbolton,  
Spaldwick, Stow Longa and Tilbrook*)



## Sunday 1st September 2019 Eleventh Sunday after Trinity