

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 18.1-11

This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD:

“Go down to the potter’s house, and there I will give you my message.” So I went down to the potter’s house, and I saw him working at the wheel. But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him.

Then the word of the LORD came to me. He said, “Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?” declares the LORD. “Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, Israel. If at any time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down and destroyed, and if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned. And if at another time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be built up and planted, and if it does evil in my sight and does not obey me, then I will reconsider the good I had intended to do for it.

“Now therefore say to the people of Judah and those living in Jerusalem, ‘This is what the LORD says: Look! I am preparing a disaster for you and devising a plan against you. So turn from your evil ways, each one of you, and reform your ways and your actions.’

PSALM: 139.1-7

- ¹You have searched me, LORD,
and you know me.
²You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.
³You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.
⁴Before a word is on my tongue
you, LORD, know it completely.
⁵You hem me in behind and before,
and you lay your hand upon me.
⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.
⁷Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?

POST COMMUNION

God of all mercy, in this Eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

COLLECT:

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 14.25-33

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters—yes, even life itself — he cannot be my disciple. And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

“Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it? For if he lays the foundation and is not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule him, saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’

“Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he not first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple.

EPISTLE

Philomen 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker— also to Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier—and to the church that meets in your home: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people.

Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none other than Paul—an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus—that I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me. I am sending him—who is my very heart—back to you. I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel. But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favour you do would not seem forced but would be voluntary. Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back forever— no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord.

So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back—not to mention that you owe me your very self. I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Sunday 1st 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 4th September

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

Sunday 8th 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 11th September

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

Sunday 15th 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 18th September

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

Sunday 22nd 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 25th September

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

Sunday 29th September

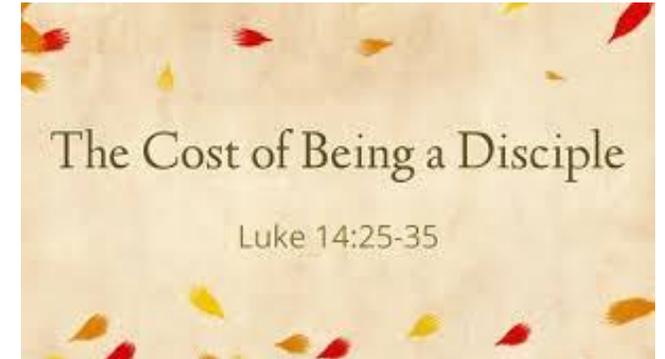
10.45 EAS: Group Service (*Revd P Howson*)

Wednesday 2nd 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 8th September 2019 Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

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