**Last Sunday after Trinity**

**27th October 2019**

**Readings, Prayers and Songs**

**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 for ever. Amen

**First Reading**

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**Ezekiel 47. 1-12**

Then he brought me back to the entrance of the temple; there, water was flowing from below the threshold of the temple towards the east (for the temple faced east); and the water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the temple, south of the altar. Then he brought me out by way of the north gate, and led me round on the outside to the outer gate that faces towards the east; and the water was coming out of the south side.  
Going on eastwards with a cord in his hand, the man measured one thousand cubits, and then led me through the water; and it was ankle-deep. Again he measured one thousand, and led me through the water; and it was knee-deep. Again he measured one thousand, and led me through the water; and it was up to the waist. Again he measured one thousand, and it was a river that I could not cross, for the water had risen; it was deep enough to swim in, a river that could not be crossed. He said to me ‘Mortal, have you seen this?’  
Then he led me back along the bank of the river. As I came back, I saw on the bank of the river a great many trees on one side and the other. He said to me, ‘This water flows towards the eastern region and goes down to Arabah; and when it enters the sea, the sea of stagnant waters, the water will become fresh. Wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish, once these waters reach there. It will become fresh; and everything will live where the river goes. People will stand fishing beside the sea from En-gedi to En-egliam; it will be a place for the spreading of nets; its fish will be of great many kinds, like the fish of the Great Sea. But its swamps and marshes will not become fresh; they are to be left for salt. On the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing.’

**Psalm 65**

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1 Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;  
to you that answer prayer shall vows be paid.

2 To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins;  
when our misdeeds prevail against us,  
 you will purge them away.

3 Happy are they whom you choose  
 and draw to your courts to dwell there.  
We shall be satisfied with blessings of your house,  
 even of your holy temple.

4 With wonders you will answer us in your righteousness,  
 O God of our salvation,  
O hope of all the ends of the earth and the farthest seas.

5 In your strength you set fast the mountains  
and are girded about with might.

6 You still the raging of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves and the clamour of the peoples.

7 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth tremble at your marvels;  
the gates of the morning and evening sing your praise.

8 You visit the earth and water it;  
you make it very plenteous.

9 The river of God is full of water;  
you prepare grain for your people, for so you provide for the earth.

10 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;  
you soften the ground with showers and bless its increase.

11 You crown the year with your goodness,  
and your paths overflow with plenty.

12 May the pastures of the wilderness flow with goodness  
and the hills be girded with joy.

13 May the meadows be clothed with flocks of sheep  
and the valleys stand so thick with corn  
 that they laugh and sing.

**Gospel Reading**

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**John 7. 14-18, 37-39**

About the middle of the festival Jesus went up into the temple and began to teach. The Jews were astonished at it, saying, ‘How does this man have such learning, when he has never been taught?’ Then Jesus answered them, ‘My teaching is not mine but his who sent me. Anyone who resolves to do the will of God will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own. Those who speak on their own seek their own glory; but the one who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and there is nothing false in him.  
On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, ‘Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture says, “Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.”’ Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

**Post Communion Prayer**

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

**WEEKLY INTERCESSIONS**

This week, we pray for all Christians, especially those living in the Middle East, and for the Church of Ceylon and the Rt. Revd Canahasabey

In our local community, we pray for those who live and work in Billing Road East, and all associated with Moi Girls’ School in Kenya.

We pray for those who are sick, naming especially Rachel Waters, Roger Hasdell, Jean Reesby, Nikki Pearcey, Sarah Raven, Kirsty,

David Adams, Ellen, Sarah, Karen Morris, Pauline, Alison Comery and Joseph Taylor.

And for those who have long term health conditions: Frank Knight, John Stewart, Brenda Wilson, Jean Faulkner, Ruth Markie and Linda Edwards.

We pray for the faithful departed naming especially Derek Edwards who was laid to rest this week, and for James Mason and Ken Westwood whose Year’s mind occurs at this time.