

Collect

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble servants
and that they may obtain their petitions
make them to ask such things as shall please you
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.

First Reading **Isaiah 56.1, 6-8**
Reader: **Del Gadd in church**

Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant—
these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Second Reading **Romans 11:1-2a,29-32**
Reader: **Jeremy Cumaraswamy via Zoom**

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself
am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe
of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.
Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads
with God against Israel? for the gifts and the calling of God are
irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have
now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have
now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you,
they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in
disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Gospel Reading **Matthew 15: 10-20,21-28**

Then Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and
understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a
person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' Then
the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the
Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' He
answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted
will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the
blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a
pit.' But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' Then he
said, 'Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see
that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes
out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds
from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart
come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false
witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with
unwashed hands does not defile.'

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and
Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out
and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David;
my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer
her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send
her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was
sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came
and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is
not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She
said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from
their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is

your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter
was healed instantly.

Address **Jackie Robbs, Reader**

Intercessions

Notices and banns

Hymn **Dear Lord and Father of mankind**

For your prayer:

*God of compassion,
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.
In their loneliness, be their consolation;
in their anxiety, be their hope;
in their darkness, be their light;
through him who suffered alone on the cross,
but reigns with you in glory,
Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen.

For prayer: Mary Rice Nancy Vlasto Moira Frau
John Fowler Rita Burrows Colston Hartley
Jean Webber Denise Jones Michael Vaughan
Sue Paine Peter Lidbetter Nick

Congratulations to Margaret and Martin Palmer who are
celebrating their 51st wedding anniversary today.