

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

First Reading

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. Sometimes a man who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by a man who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What has a man from all the toil and strain with which he toils beneath the sun? For all his days are full of pain, and his work is a vexation; even in the night his mind does not rest. This also is vanity.

The word of the Lord

R/ Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

R/ Lord you have been our dwelling place in all generations

You turn man back to the dust,
and say, "Turn back, O children of men!"
For a thousand years in your sight
are but as yesterday when it is past,
or as a watch in the night. **R/**

You do sweep men away; they are like a dream,
like grass which is renewed in the morning:
in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers. **R/**

So teach us to number our days
that we may get a heart of wisdom.
Return, O LORD! How long?
Have pity on your servants! **R/**

Satisfy us in the morning with your mercy
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us,
and establish the work of our hands upon us,
yes, establish the work of our hands **R/**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Brethren: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When

Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

The word of the Lord

R/ Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia

Blessed are the poor in Spirit
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven

Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia

Gospel

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke
Glory be to thee, O Lord

One of the multitude said to him, "Teacher, bid my brother divide the inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or divider over you?" And he said to them, "Take heed, and beware of all covetousness; for a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise be to thee, O Christ