

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*The Lord became my protector.
He brought me out to a place of freedom;
he saved me because he delighted in me.*

COLLECT

Grant us, O Lord, we pray,
that the course of our world
may be directed by your peaceful rule
and that your Church may rejoice,
untroubled in her devotion.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING Sirach 27:4-7

A reading from the Book of Sirach.

When a sieve is shaken, the refuse appears;
so a person's filth in his thoughts.
The kiln tests the potter's vessels;
likewise the test of a person is in his reasoning.
The fruit discloses the cultivation of a tree;
so the expression of a thought
discloses the cultivation of a person's mind.
Do not praise a man before you hear him reason,
for this is the test of people.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 92(91):2-3. 13-14. 15-16. R.cf.2a

R: It is good to give thanks to you, O Lord.

1. It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your loving mercy in the morning,
and your truth in the watches of the night. **R.**
2. The just one will flourish like the palm tree,
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.
Planted in the house of the LORD,
they will flourish in the courts of our God. **R.**
3. Still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the LORD is upright.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters: When the perishable puts on the imperishable,
and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the
saying that is written: 'Death is swallowed up in victory.' 'O death,
where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?'

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But
thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus
Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast,
immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing
that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL Philippians 2:15d. 16a

R: Alleluia, alleluia.

Shine as lights in the world,
holding fast to the word of life.

R: Alleluia.

GOSPEL Luke 6:39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

At that time: Jesus told his disciples a parable: 'Can a blind man
lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not
above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be
like his teacher. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's
eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? How can
you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the speck that is
in your eye", when you yourself do not see the log that is in your
own eye? You hypocrite! First take the log out of your own eye,
and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your
brother's eye.

'For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree
bear good fruit, for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs
are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor are grapes picked from
a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure of his
heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure
produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth
speaks.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who provide gifts to be offered to your name
and count our oblations as signs
of our desire to serve you with devotion,
we ask of your mercy
that what you grant as the source of merit
may also help us to attain merit's reward.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me,
sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.*

Or

*Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, says the Lord.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished by your saving gifts,
we beseech your mercy, Lord,
that by this same Sacrament
with which you feed us in the present age,
you may make us partakers of life eternal.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Parish of St Anselm, Hayes

March 2nd, 2025

The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach is one of the 'Wisdom Books' of the bible, along with other better-known books such as Proverbs, Wisdom, Job, and the Song of Songs.

Today's extract advises us to think not only about

what a person says, but also about how they reached that conclusion. It's the internal processes of how we think and to whom we listen that reveal most about us. Jesus takes up this idea and develops it in his teaching in

the gospel this morning. We should not listen to those who have not come to their conclusions after due thought – the blind cannot lead the blind. Jesus also denounces hypocrisy, that very human tendency to criticise others whilst ignoring, or being unaware of, our own weaknesses. Finally, the ways in which we behave – our fruits, as it were – reflect the people that we truly are. We can lie with our tongues, but what we do reveals the truth about us regardless of what we might claim.

Entrance Hymn

449 Christ is the world's light, he and none other

Offertory Hymn

551 Peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin?

Recessional

78 Alleluya, song of sweetness

THIS WEEK

3rd: Monday of Week 8. No services in church; Offices said privately.

4th: Tuesday of Week 8. Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; Boys' Brigade meeting 1700.

5th: Ash Wednesday. Morning Prayer 0945; Mass and imposition of ashes 1000; Warm Welcome Centre 1100-1400; Evening Prayer 1745; Mass and imposition of ashes 1800

6th: Thursday after Ash Wednesday. Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; Evening Prayer 1700

7th: Friday after Ash Wednesday. Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; Evening prayer 1700

8th: Saturday after Ash Wednesday. Offices said privately.

NEXT SUNDAY: Sunday 9th March: 1st Sunday of Lent. Mass at 1000 as usual.

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

Kathyan Fenton; Aldo; Richard; Desiree Loderick (If you wish a name to be on the list, please give the details to Susan, Fr Josiah, or Fr Stephen.)

RECENTLY DEPARTED

Twilight Bae; Bonnie Macey

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

2nd: Freda Simson, Gertrude Sarrell, Nellie Lipscombe, Winifred Hamatton

3rd: Joan Middleton, Jack Middleton, Hannah Middleton, Peter Robert Botley

4th: June Rosalie Harper

7th: Audrey Couling

8th: John Gargini

SPECIAL BLESSINGS: Please let one of the sidespeople or a churchwarden know before mass begins if you'd like a special blessing. If you have requested a blessing, please come up to the chancel step after the intercessions.

YOUNG CHILDREN IN CHURCH: Don't worry if they make a noise or move about! Young visitors to the sanctuary are always welcome, so no drama if they go for a walk! We'll have a look at the children's work after mass...

FINANCIAL POSITION: During January 2025, our income was £2,324.23, but our outgoings were £2,691.72. Please consider if you can increase your contributions to the church or set up a regular donation through the Parish Giving Scheme if you don't already do so.

SPONSORING CANDLES, ETC.: If you would like to help us by sponsoring votive candles, sanctuary lights, incense, or wafers for communion, please do sign up! A sanctuary light (the candles by the tabernacle on the altar and by the statue of the Virgin Mary) costs £3.50, votive candles (next to the statues of other saints) are £1.00 each, and 100 communion wafers are £1.50. Please talk to one of the clergy or to Susan. We'll be delighted to receive your sponsorship.

ELECTORAL ROLL: This year the roll must be started again from scratch, so everyone must make an application even if you have been on the roll until now. Greta and Susan will have forms for you to sign. Please join the roll as it determines how our parish is perceived, and how much support we get from the deanery and the diocese!

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PLEASE JOIN US IN THE HALL AFTER MASS FOR TEA AND COFFEE, AND BISCUITS OR CAKE!