

St George's Church, Madrid. Sunday August 18th 2024

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

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Services today and through the summer: 08:30, 10:30

Wednesday: Evening Prayer 19:30 held on Zoom during August

Sunday school: Sunday school resumes on the 8th September.

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Hymns

1 Awake, my soul, and with the sun (1-4 & 8)

Psalm 111 (said)

209 Through all the changing scenes of life

263 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour

336 All my hope on God is founded

A warm welcome to all our
visitors.

Please join us for refreshments
on the patio after the 10:30
service.



Readings

1 Kings 2: 10-12; 3:3-14

Psalm 111

Ephesians 5: 15-20

John 6: 51-58



The day of the Assumption. 15th August.



This is the day when many celebrate their belief in the bodily raising to heaven of the still living Virgin Mary, also known by the Orthodox Church as the Dormition or falling asleep of the Virgin Mary. Although largely a Roman Catholic feast, many Protestants and Anglicans commemorate the day but as a feast in honour of Mary rather than for her Assumption for which there is no Biblical reference. The veneration of Mary is thought to have started in the 2nd century but the belief in the Assumption does

not appear until the 4th century.

The feast day disappeared from the Anglican church in 1549 and it was not until the 20th century that some Anglicans began to celebrate again the day for the Virgin Mary. For someone with such a central figure in our faith, we have very little specific information about the life of Mary. Scholars do know that girls in the Holy Land at that time were often "betrothed" at 13 or 14. Following the well documented Nativity, the Gospels mention Mary as part of the group of women who followed and supported Jesus throughout his ministry. We have her wonderful song, the Magnificat, in Matthew 1:17. She was certainly in the upper room waiting for news with others after the resurrection and we know that whilst on the Cross, Jesus asked the beloved disciple, traditionally John, son of Zebedee, to look after her as his mother. It is believed that he took her into his own home, traditionally at Ephesus, where she lived until her death or assumption, but there is no evidence for this. In the Middle Ages she was called the Mystic Rose, a rose being the flower of perfection, and she was considered the pattern of obedience and faithfulness. Gerard Manley Hopkins, priest and poet, wrote a lovely poem, "Rosa Mystica", about Mary which can be found on Google.

1Kings 2: 10-12,3:3-14

10 Then David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. ¹¹The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned for seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. ¹²So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

³ Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. ⁴The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt-offerings on that altar. ⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' ⁶And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'

¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. ¹³ I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honour all your life; no other king shall compare with you. ¹⁴ If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.'

Psalm 111

1 Alleluia.

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, ♦
in the company of the faithful and in the congregation.

2 The works of the Lord are great, ♦
sought out by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and honour ♦
and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He appointed a memorial for his marvellous deeds; ♦
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He gave food to those who feared him; ♦
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He showed his people the power of his works ♦
in giving them the heritage of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are truth and
justice; ♦

all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever; ♦
they are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever; ♦
holy and awesome is his name.

10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of
wisdom;
a good understanding have those who live
by it; ♦
his praise endures for ever.

Ephesians 5: 15-20

¹⁵ Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰ giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.



John 6: 51-58

⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

⁵² The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' ⁵³ So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵ for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶ Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'