



St George's Church, Madrid. Sunday September 1st 2024

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

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Services today : 08:30, 10:30

Wednesday: Evening Prayer 19:30

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

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Don't forget!

Sunday school resumes next
Sunday 8th September at
10:00

Summer holidays are over!

Services from next Sunday will be at 08:30, 10:00 and 11:30 .

Evening Prayer will be at 19:30 on Wednesday in Church

Hymns

- 230** O for a heart to praise my God
- 240** Teach me, my God and King
- 115** Dear Lord and Father of mankind
- 235** O Jesus, I have promised



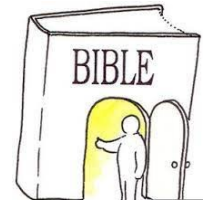
Readings

Song of Solomon 2: 8-13

Psalms 45: 1-2, 6-9,

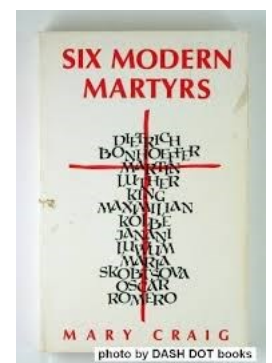
James 1: 17-27

Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23



Modern martyrs.

We often think of martyrs as being historic figures but the sad truth is that there are many modern martyrs who died or were made to suffer because they would not give up their religious, political or social beliefs. Above the West door of Westminster Abbey in London there is a collection of niches which have been filled with statues representing people who have died in the 20th century as victims of communism, Nazism, the Chinese cultural revolution or racism as well as for their religious beliefs. The statues represent people from a wide range of countries. The USA, Germany, South Africa, Uganda, Russia, and Papua New Guinea amongst others. Canterbury Cathedral has a chapel dedicated to the Melanesian Martyrs. They were members of the "Melanesian Brotherhood" who tried to make peace during a period of ethnic strife only 25 years ago and were killed for their pains. During the Japanese invasion of Papua New Guinea in 1942, 333 people, priests, teachers, nurses, doctors and police were said to have been executed for their beliefs, their feast day is 2nd August. The term martyr is defined differently by varying faiths, only Hinduism has no martyrs due to their adherence to non violence (ahimsa). In Judaism, martyrdom is based on keeping not only beliefs but religious practices such as circumcision. In Christianity, Islam and Sikhism, dying for the faith results in martyrdom. Political martyrs have been part of the civil rights movement in the USA, they have died for communism in China and the Tolpuddle Martyrs of Dorset, England were transported for their belief in unions. In Algeria, revolutionary martyrs died for the cause of independence from France. It would be difficult to put a definitive list of people, countries or causes of martyrdom but, given the international nature of the congregation at St George's, most will know of some relevant to themselves.



Song of Solomon 2: 8-

⁸ The voice of my beloved!
Look, he comes,
leaping upon the mountains,
bounding over the hills.
⁹ My beloved is like a gazelle
or a young stag.
Look, there he stands
behind our wall,
gazing in at the windows,
looking through the lattice.
¹⁰ My beloved speaks and says to me:
'Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away;
¹¹ for now the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.
¹² The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtle-dove
is heard in our land.
¹³ The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.
Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away.

Psalm 45: 1-2, 6-9

1 My heart is astir with gracious words; ♦
as I make my song for the king,
my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.
2 You are the fairest of men; ♦
full of grace are your lips,
for God has blest you for ever.
6 Your throne is God's throne, for ever; ♦
the sceptre of your kingdom is the sceptre of righteousness.
7 You love righteousness and hate iniquity; ♦ therefore God, your
God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.
8 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes and cassia; ♦
from ivory palaces the music of strings makes you glad.
9 Kings' daughters are among your honourable women; ♦
at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

James 1: 17-27

¹⁷ Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸ In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹ You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, ²⁰ for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹ Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²² But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³ For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴ for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵ But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶ If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

⁷ Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, ² they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³ (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴ and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵ So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' ⁶ He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honours me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
⁷ in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines."

⁸ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

¹⁴ Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵ there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' ²¹ For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²² adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'