

## Psalm and Readings Tuesday 30th September 2025

### Psalm 32

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.

Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no  
iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

While I kept silent, my body wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.  
For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of  
summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not hide my iniquity;  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the  
Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Therefore let all who are faithful  
offer prayer to you;  
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters  
shall not reach them.  
You are a hiding place for me;  
you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

I will instruct you and teach you the way you  
should go;  
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.  
Do not be like a horse or a mule, without  
understanding,  
whose temper must be curbed with bit and  
bridle, else it will not stay near you.

Many are the torments of the wicked,  
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in  
the Lord.  
Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,  
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

### Wisdom 7:1–14

I also am mortal like everyone else,  
a descendant of the first-formed child of earth,  
and in the womb of a mother I was moulded into  
flesh,  
within the period of ten months, compacted with  
blood,  
from the seed of a man and the pleasure of  
marriage.

And when I was born, I began to breathe the  
common air and fell upon the kindred earth;  
my first sound was a cry, as is true of all.  
I was nursed with care in swaddling cloths.  
For no king has had a different beginning of  
existence;  
there is for all one entrance into life and one way  
out.

Therefore I prayed, and understanding was given  
me;  
I called on God, and the spirit of wisdom came to  
me.  
I preferred her to sceptres and thrones,  
and I accounted wealth as nothing in comparison  
with her.  
Neither did I liken to her any priceless gem,  
because all gold is but a little sand in her sight,  
and silver will be accounted as clay before her.  
I loved her more than health and beauty,  
and I chose to have her rather than light  
because her radiance never ceases.  
All good things came to me along with her,  
and in her hands uncounted wealth.  
I rejoiced in them all because wisdom leads them,  
but I did not know that she was their mother.  
I learned without guile, and I impart without  
grudging;  
I do not hide her wealth,  
for it is an unfailing treasure for mortals;  
those who get it obtain friendship with God,  
commended for the gifts that come from  
instruction.

### Mark 11:12–26

On the following day, when they came from  
Bethany, he was hungry. Seeing in the distance a  
fig tree in leaf, he went to see whether perhaps  
he would find anything on it. When he came to it,  
he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the  
season for figs. He said to it, "May no one ever  
eat fruit from you again." And his disciples heard  
it.

Then they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the  
temple and began to drive out those who were  
selling and those who were buying in the temple,  
and he overturned the tables of the money

changers and the seats of those who sold doves,  
and he would not allow anyone to carry anything  
through the temple. He was teaching and saying,  
“Is it not written,

‘My house shall be called a house of prayer for all  
the nations’?

But you have made it a den of robbers.”

And when the chief priests and the scribes heard  
it, they kept looking for a way to kill him, for they  
were afraid of him because the whole crowd was  
spellbound by his teaching. And when evening  
came, Jesus and his disciples went out of the city.

In the morning as they passed by, they saw the fig  
tree withered away to its roots. Then Peter  
remembered and said to him, “Rabbi, look! The  
fig tree that you cursed has withered.” Jesus  
answered them, “Have faith in God. Truly I tell  
you, if you say to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and  
thrown into the sea,’ and if you do not doubt in  
your heart but believe that what you say will  
come to pass, it will be done for you. So I tell you,  
whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you  
have received it, and it will be yours.

“Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have  
anything against anyone, so that your Father in  
heaven may also forgive you your trespasses.”

### **The Collect of the Day**

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit  
upon your Church in the burning fire of your  
love:

grant that your people may be fervent

in the fellowship of the gospel

that, always abiding in you,

they may be found steadfast in faith and active in  
service;

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.