

Psalm and Readings Tuesday 1st April 2025

Psalm 54

Save me, O God, by your name,
and vindicate me by your might.

Hear my prayer, O God;
give ear to the words of my mouth.

For the insolent have risen against me,
the ruthless seek my life;
they do not set God before them.

But surely, God is my helper;
the Lord is the upholder of my life.
He will repay my enemies for their evil.
In your faithfulness, put an end to them.

With a freewill-offering I will sacrifice to you;
I will give thanks to your name, O Lord, for it is
good.

For he has delivered me from every trouble,
and my eye has looked in triumph on my
enemies.

Jeremiah 18:1-12

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord:
'Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I
will let you hear my words.' So I went down to
the potter's house, and there he was working at
his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was
spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it
into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not
do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter
has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the
potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of
Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a
nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and
break down and destroy it, but if that nation,
concerning which I have spoken, turns from its
evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that
I intended to bring on it. And at another moment
I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom
that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in
my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will
change my mind about the good that I had
intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the
people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem:
Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping
evil against you and devising a plan against you.

Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and
amend your ways and your doings.

But they say, 'It is no use! We will follow our own
plans, and each of us will act according to the
stubbornness of our evil will.'

John 10:1-10

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter
the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by
another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who
enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.
The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the
sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by
name and leads them out. When he has brought
out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the
sheep follow him because they know his voice.
They will not follow a stranger, but they will run
from him because they do not know the voice of
strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with
them, but they did not understand what he was
saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you,
I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before
me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not
listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by
me will be saved, and will come in and go out and
find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill
and destroy. I came that they may have life, and
have it abundantly.

A Prayer as we seek our new Associate Vicar

Heavenly Father, we thank and praise you for
your love for all people, and for all you give us.
During our vacancy, we pray particularly for the
person we believe in faith that you have chosen
to be our next Associate Vicar.

May that person respond gladly to your call, and
work with us to grow your Kingdom in this
Benefice.

While we wait, send us your Holy Spirit: help us to
be patient, build us up in faith and love, and
equip us to serve you well with all our heart, soul,
mind and strength.

These things we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen

The Collect of the Day

Merciful Lord,
absolve your people from their offences,
that through your bountiful goodness
we may all be delivered from the chains of those
sins
which by our frailty we have committed;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and
Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.