

Readings for 8.00 Service

**First Reading**

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah

14 The days are surely coming, says the Lord,  
when I will fulfil the promise  
I made to the house of Israel  
and the house of Judah.

15 In those days and at that time  
I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David;  
and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.  
16 In those days Judah will be saved  
and Jerusalem will live in safety.  
And this is the name by which it will be called:  
'The Lord is our righteousness.'

*Jeremiah 33:14-16*

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**  
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**Second Reading**

A reading from the first letter to the Thessalonians

9 How can we thank God enough for you  
in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of  
you?

10 Night and day we pray most earnestly  
that we may see you face to face  
and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself  
and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you.

12 And may the Lord make you increase  
and abound in love for one another and for all,  
just as we abound in love for you.

13 And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness  
that you may be blameless before our God and Father  
at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

*1 Thessalonians 3:9-13*

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**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, **Alleluia, Alleluia**

33 Heaven and earth will pass away, says the Lord  
but my words will not pass away.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

**Gospel**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**Glory to You O Lord**

Jesus said to his disciples

25 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars,  
and on the earth distress among nations  
confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves.

26 People will faint from fear and foreboding  
of what is coming upon the world,  
for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

27 Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud"

28 Now when these things begin to take place  
stand up and raise your heads,  
because your redemption is drawing near.'

29 Then he told them a parable:  
'Look at the fig tree and all the trees;

30 as soon as they sprout leaves  
you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already  
near.

31 So also, when you see these things taking place,  
you know that the kingdom of God is near

32 Truly I tell you,  
this generation will not pass away  
until all things have taken place.

33 Heaven and earth will pass away,  
but my words will not pass away.

34 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down  
with dissipation and drunkenness  
and the worries of this life,  
and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, 35 like a trap.

For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth.

36 Be alert at all times,  
praying that you may have the strength  
to escape all these things that will take place,  
and to stand before the Son of Man.

*Luke 21:25-36*

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to You O Christ**

**Intercessions**

**Those for whom prayer has been asked:**

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For those on active service in places of danger.  
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Dick and Caroline Seed our CMS Missionaries  
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The Migrant and Refugee Crisis  
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The visitors to the Top Up shop and Family First  
3 Linda Best, Margaret Starsmore, Rosie and John Gray,  
Kay Dinsdale, Lesley Horrocks, Chris Newman  
2 Angela Parobij, Sonia Steggall, Sam, Debbie Shaves,  
Sue Doe, Rebecca Stollery  
1 Celia, Dereck Markham, Ray Mallet, Brian, Drew,  
Colleen and Kevin, Stephen Abbott, Bryan Boggis,  
Harold Appleton  
and those known privately to us.

**Those who have died recently**

Gillian Worthington  
Stephen Garrod  
Carol Glymin,

**We remember the anniversary of death of**

Doris Reed | December 2016

**Please remember to pray for the following friends of our  
Parish who are not able to worship with us at this time**  
Peggy Bean, Vera Emeny, Pat Todd,

**Post Communion Prayer.**

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

