



**St George's Church, Madrid. Sunday August 11th 2024**

**Eleventh 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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A warm welcome to all our visitors.

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



**473** I come with joy to meet my Lord  
Psalm 130 (said)

**110** The God of love my shepherd is

**SSG 71** Make me a channel of your peace

**262** Alleluia, sing to Jesus!



**R.I.P.**

Jerome Berryman, the creator of Godly Play died this week, also Winifred Young.  
We offer our condolences to their families, friends and colleagues.  
May they Rest in Peace.

**Readings**

2 Samuel 18: 5-9, 15, 31-33

Psalm 130

Ephesians 4: 25-5:2

John 6: 35, 41-51

**Clare of Assisi. 11 August .**

Clare of Assisi is best known for founding the Order of the Poor Clares. The order is based on strict poverty; it was the first order to give guidance to women in monastic orders and is based on the Franciscan tradition which originally attracted St Clare. St Clare was born into a wealthy noble family on 16<sup>th</sup> July 1194. Her mother was very devout, so Clare was raised in a religious atmosphere where prayer was seen as important. In her teenage years when pressure was growing on her to be married, she heard St Francis preaching and was so impressed that she asked him for help in entering a convent. He took her to a Benedictine convent where she exchanged her rich clothes for simple robes and had her hair cut. When her family arrived and tried to forcibly remove her, she showed them her cut hair which symbolised her being under Christ's laws not men's and they finally left her. St Francis took her to another monastery where she might find more peace and only two weeks later, she was joined by her sister. As time passed more women arrived and a house was built for them next to the church of San Damiel. Still her father tried to make her return home, but he finally gave in, and the women were called "The poor ladies of San Damiel". Her mother later joined the monastery. The sisters lived a life of strict poverty, austerity and seclusion and as such they lived an enclosed life, sleeping on the ground, wearing no shoes, eating no meat and seldom speaking. Their emphasis was on hard manual work and prayer. St Francis continued to be a friend and guide for Clare until his death and after that the Church tried to persuade her to be less austere. She resisted this and her rule was approved by the Pope very shortly after her death at the age of 59. A Basilica was built for her remains, originally placed under the altar but transferred to a new shrine in the crypt in 1872. She was canonised within two years of her death and the name of the order was changed to the Order of St Clare. The order is still active and the local monastery of Las Descalzes Reales, set up by Joanna of Austria, in the Plaza de las Descalzes in Madrid, can be visited with a guided tour on most days. It is worth visiting, not only to see the historic building but to feel a very little of the atmosphere and dedication of the nuns who live there.



## 2 Samuel 18: 5-9, 15, 31-33

<sup>5</sup>The king gave orders to Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, 'Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom.' And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom.

<sup>6</sup> So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. <sup>7</sup>The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. <sup>8</sup>The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword.

<sup>9</sup> Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on. <sup>15</sup>And ten young men, Joab's armour-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him.

<sup>31</sup> Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, 'Good tidings for my lord the king! For the LORD has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you.' <sup>32</sup>The king said to the Cushite, 'Is it well with the young man Absalom?' The Cushite answered, 'May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man.'

<sup>33</sup> The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, 'O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would that I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!'

## Psalm 130

- 1 Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord;  
Lord, hear my voice; ♦  
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss, ♦  
O Lord, who could stand?
- 3 But there is forgiveness with you, ♦  
so that you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; ♦  
in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the Lord,  
more than the night watch for the morning, ♦  
more than the night watch for the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, ♦  
for with the Lord there is mercy;
- 7 With him is plenteous redemption ♦  
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

## Ephesians 4: 25-5:2

<sup>25</sup> So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. <sup>26</sup>Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup>and do not make room for the devil. <sup>28</sup>Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. <sup>29</sup>Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup>And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup>Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, <sup>32</sup>and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. <sup>5</sup><sup>1</sup>Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, <sup>2</sup>and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

## John 6: 35, 41-51

<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

<sup>41</sup> Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' <sup>42</sup>They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' <sup>43</sup>Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. <sup>44</sup>No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. <sup>45</sup>It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. <sup>46</sup>Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup>Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup>I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup>Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup>This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup>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.'