

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Psalm 146

Response

Richard Lloyd

cf. v. 1 I will praise the Lord, I will praise the Lord as long as I live.



Happy are those who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the Lord their God;
Who made heaven and earth,
the sea and all that is in them;
who keeps his promise for ever;

Who gives justice to those that suffer wrong
and bread to those who hunger.
The Lord loses those that are bound;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous;
The Lord watches over the stranger in the land;
he upholds the orphan and widow;
but the way of the wicked he turns upside down.
The Lord shall reign for ever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Alleluia.

Second reading: James 5 7-10 Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Gospel reading: Matthew 11 2-11 When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.' As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Post Communion Prayer:

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **Amen**

This week we are praying for: May Kincaid, Fiona Davie, Samantha Holland, Alison Jones, Mary Prior, Jonathan Chalcraft, Karen Cox, Elliot Wills, Laura Bushell Hawke, Christine Moody, Ruth Robathan, Margaret Wallace, Jill Staplehurst, Claire Burgess, Richard Lingham, Colin Bradbury, Sophia Jenkins.

RIP: Christine Wippell

Music at Choral Evensong:

Hymns: 5,9, Psalm 50w.1-6

The Worcester Service

Anthem There is no rose

Voluntary Deuxieme Fantaisie

Kennedy

Anon

Alain

Next Sunday, 21 December 4th Sunday of Advent

08:00 BCP Holy Communion Rev'd. Andrew Yates

10:00 Choral Eucharist President Canon Sue Wallace
Preacher Dean Simon Robinson

16.00 Christmas Family Service

Services for the week beginning: 08/12/2025

Monday 15th December	9:00 Holy Communion 9:30 Morning Prayer 16.00 Evening Prayer
Tuesday 16th December	9:00 Holy Communion 9:30 Morning Prayer 16.00 Evening Prayer
Wednesday 17th December	9:00 Holy Communion 9:30 Morning Prayer 16.00 Evening Prayer 18.00 Rainbow MAT Carol Service
Thursday 18th December	9:00 Holy Communion 9:30 Morning Prayer 12:10 Christian Meditation 16.00 Evening Prayer 19.00 Carols with Pride
Friday 19 th December	9:00 Holy Communion 9:30 Morning Prayer and Litany for peace 11:00 BCP Holy Communion 16:00 Evening Prayer 19.30 Young Farmers' Carol Service
Saturday 20th December	9:00 Holy Communion 9:30 Morning Prayer 16:00 Evening Prayer 19.30 Truro Cathedral Choir Concert:

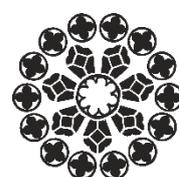
Truro Cathedral Choir Concert Peace on Earth: TICKETS NOW ON SALE!!

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Saturday 20 December at 19.30

Bible Study: "The Thursday Bible Study" meets in the Cathedral Offices at 10 am on Thursdays following Morning Prayer. We study the Bible readings which will be read the following Sunday in the Cathedral. Please join us."

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