

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

25th June 2017

First Reading

Genesis 21.8-21

A reading from the book of Genesis

⁸ The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. ⁹ But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. ¹⁰ So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." ¹¹ The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. ¹² But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. ¹³ As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." ¹⁴ So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. ¹⁵ When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. ¹⁶ Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. ¹⁷ And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. ¹⁸ Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." ¹⁹ Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. ²⁰ God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. ²¹ He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 86.1-10, 16-17

¹ Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me:
for I am poor and needy.

² Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you:
save your servant who trusts in you.
You are my God; ³ be gracious to me, O Lord:
for to you do I cry all day long.

⁴ Gladden the soul of your servant:
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

⁵ For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving:
abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.

⁶ Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer:
listen to my cry of supplication.

⁷ In the day of my trouble I call on you:
for you will answer me.

⁸ There is none like you among the gods, O Lord:
nor are there any works like yours.

⁹ All the nations you have made shall come
and bow down before you, O Lord:
and shall glorify your name.

¹⁰ For you are great and do wondrous things:
you alone are God.

¹⁶ Turn to me and be gracious to me;
give your strength to your servant:
save the child of your serving girl.

¹⁷ Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame:
because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

Second Reading

Romans 6.1b-11

A reading from the Letter to the Romans

6 Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised

from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel

Matthew 10.24-39

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁴ “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵ it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! ²⁶ “So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³² “Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³ but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. ³⁴ “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a

sword. ³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; ³⁶ and one's foes will be members of one's own household. ³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sentence

Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for Jesus' sake will find it.

Matthew 10.39

Prayer of the day

Gracious God,
we who were baptized into Christ Jesus
were baptized into his death:
we pray that, as you raised him from death,
so by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may live the new life to your glory,
knowing ourselves to be dead in sin
but alive for you in Jesus Christ;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Supplementary Readings

Genesis 21.22-33

Psalm 69.7-19

Matthew 10.9-23

Prayer Response

Lord, we come to you,
for you alone can make us whole.