**Sunday 13th September 2015**

**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

S GILES-IN-READING

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Hymns: ***English Hymnal***

Mass Setting: *Missa de Angelis*

Motet: *Tantum Ergo - Peeters*

Entrance Hymn: *426* Offertory Hymn: *417*

Communion Hymns: *315 & 306 (Part 2)* Recessional Hymn: *387*

Voluntary: *Prelude and fugue in G - J.S. Bach.*

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**Psalter Week 4**

**Sunday Readings: Year B. Weekday Readings: Year 1.**

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**10.00 Mattins**

**10.30 Parish Mass &**

 **Sunday School**

**17.30 Evensong**

**18.00 Low Mass**

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

No Services

Our Lady of Sorrows

09.00 Mattins

17.30 Evensong

18.00 Low Mass

Ss Cornelius P and Cyprian B, Martyrs

10.00 Mattins

10.30 Low Mass

18.00 Evensong

Thursday of Week 24 in Ordinary Time

09.00 Mattins

16.30 Evensong

Friday of Week 24 in Ordinary Time

11.00 Mattins

11.30 Bible Study

12.30 Low Mass

16.30 Evensong

Saturday of Week 24 in Ordinary Time

09.30 Mattins

10.00 Low Mass

16.30 Evensong

**Feast of Dedication**

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**TODAY AT**

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**Sunday**

**20 September**

**NOTICES & EVENTS**

*We welcome any visitors here this morning and hope that you will stay for refreshments after the service.*

**SINNERS AND SAINTS** series will continue on Thursday 24 Sept. at 7.30.  Our speaker will be the Bishop of Reading, speaking about S Ephram the Syriac.

*If you have any notices that require adding to the sheet, please contact Anne or Geoff Canterbury at canterbury@ntlworld.com or 0118 961 0525 by Wednesday of the previous week.*

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

***Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.***

**COLLECT**

Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

***Amen.***

**THE FIRST READING** (Isaiah 50: 5-9)

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah.*

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

*The Word of the Lord*

**THE GRADUAL PSALM** Psalm 114

**Response:** ***I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.***

***or Alleluia!***

I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal;

for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him.

They surrounded me, the snares of death, with the anguish of the tomb;

they caught me, sorrow and distress. I called on the Lord's name.

O Lord my God, deliver me!

How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion.

The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me.

He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

**THE SECOND LESSON** (James 2: 14-18)

*A reading from the letter of St James.*

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, "I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty," without

giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead. This is the way to talk to people of that kind: "You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds - now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show."

*The word of the Lord.*

**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me.***

***Alleluia!***

***or***

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world.***

***Alleluia!***

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** (Mark 8: 27-35)

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.*

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, "Who do people say I am?" And they told him. "John the Baptist," they said, "others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets." "But you," he asked, "who do you say I am?" Peter spoke up and said to

him, "You are the Christ." And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, "Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's." He called the people and his disciples to him and said, "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me, For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake,

and for the sake of the gospel, will save it."

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Look with favour on our supplications, O Lord, and in your kindness accept these, your servants' offerings, that what each has offered to the honour of your name may serve the salvation of all. Through Christ our Lord.

***Amen.***

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

***How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.***

***or***

***The chalice of blessing that we bless is a communion in the Blood of Christ; and the bread that we break is a sharing in the Body of the Lord.***

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**
May the working of this heavenly gift, O Lord, we pray, take possession of our minds and bodies, so that its effects, and not our own desires, may always prevail in us. Through Christ our Lord.

***Amen.***