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Twelfth Sunday after Trinity: September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019

*Hymns: 503, 626, 714, 88*



*Today's Gospel* comes in the part of Luke's Gospel when Jesus has 'set his face to go towards Jerusalem.' He knows that he is heading to the cross – he has counted the cost of taking the way God has set out for him. Do we count the cost of following Jesus?

For your prayers

For the Church especially Justin our archbishop, Sarah our bishop,  
and Graham our area bishop

For the needs of the world and for the needs of this land; for people  
living daily with conflict in Afghanistan, Yemen, and many other  
places

For our local community, for all returning to school this week

For the sick and the suffering

For the departed especially those whom we have known and love

Collect

God of constant mercy,  
who sent your Son to save us:  
remind us of your goodness,  
increase your grace within us,  
that our thankfulness may grow,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading

*Deuteronomy 30.15-end*

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 90.3-6, 12-14, 17*

*O Lord, you have been our refuge, from one generation to the next.*

You turn us back to dust and say:

‘Turn back, O children of earth.’

For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday,  
which passes like a watch in the night. R.

You sweep them away like a dream;

they fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green and flourishes;

in the evening it is dried up and withered. R.

So teach us to number our days

that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Turn again, O Lord; how long will you delay?

Have compassion on your servants. R.

Satisfy us with your loving-kindness in the morning,  
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

May the gracious favour of the Lord our God be upon us;  
prosper our handiwork; O prosper the work of our hands. R.

Second Reading

*Philemon 1-21*

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Gospel Reading

*Luke 14.25-33*

Now large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.'

## Notices

Welcome to the Revd. David Bell, Assistant Priest at Kingston Parish Church, presiding and preaching at 11am today.

Refreshments after worship do come into the church hall for tea or coffee after the service.

NO Thursday morning eucharist this week or next week.

Harvest Festival is Sunday September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Harvest gifts will be donated to the foodbank on the Ivybridge estate. They need:

Canned fruit	Tinned rice pudding or custard
Cans of pasta which do not include meat	Tinned fish
Tinned meat or meat based meals	Biscuits
UHT milk	Fruit juice
Jars of pasta sauce	Boxes of cereal
Vegetable soup	Pack of 4 toilet rolls
Soap/shower gel	Deodorant
Toothpaste	Toothbrushes
Shaving foam	Instant Coffee
Boxes of tea-bags (ideally boxes of 40-80)	Tinned vegetables
Rice	Baked beans
Pasta	Sugar

Harvest lunch after church on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Menu will be quiche, salad, baked potatoes plus a dessert. Cost is £5 each – names, please, to Jane. Please also tell her if you are a vegetarian.

Parochial Church Council meets on Monday September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7.30pm in the Vicarage.

Preacher on September 29<sup>th</sup> will be the Archdeacon of Middlesex, the Ven. Stephen Welch, visiting for the last time before his retirement.

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