

The Collect

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts
the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy
keep us in the same;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God,
now and for ever.
Amen.

**King Charles the Martyr Church
is open once again for visitors and
private prayer and contemplation
with the Church Watch present on:**

**Mondays to Fridays:
11am - 1pm.**

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King Charles the Martyr
Tunbridge Wells

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

31st July 2022

This week's Services

Sunday 31st July
Seventh Sunday after Trinity

8am - Holy Communion (BCP)
President: Revd Laurence Powell
Live streaming on Facebook

10.00am - Parish Communion (CW)
President: Revd Laurence Powell
Deacon: Revd Laurence Powell
Preacher: Revd Laurence Powell
Live streaming on Facebook

6.30pm - Evening Prayer
President: Elizabeth Doyle
Live streaming on Facebook

Wednesday 3rd August
11.30am - Holy Communion (BCP)
NB: No Meditative Service

Sunday 7th August
The Eighth Sunday after Trinity
8am - Holy Communion (BCP)
Live streaming on Facebook

10am - Parish Communion (CW)
Live streaming on Facebook
6.30pm - Evening Prayer (BCP)
Live streaming on Facebook

Wednesday 10th August
11.30am - Holy Communion (BCP)
No Meditative Service



First Reading: Hosea. 11. 1-11

When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son.

² The more I called them,
the more they went from me;
they kept sacrificing to the Baals,
and offering incense to idols.

³ Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk,
I took them up in my arms;
but they did not know that I healed them.

⁴ I led them with cords of human kindness,
with bands of love.

I was to them like those
who lift infants to their cheeks.
I bent down to them and fed them.

⁵ They shall return to the land of Egypt,
and Assyria shall be their king,
because they have refused to return to me.

⁶ The sword rages in their cities,
it consumes their oracle-priests,
and devours because of their schemes.

⁷ My people are bent on turning away from me.
To the Most High they call,
but he does not raise them up at all.

⁸ How can I give you up, Ephraim?
How can I hand you over, O Israel?
How can I make you like Admah?
How can I treat you like Zeboiim?

My heart recoils within me;
my compassion grows warm and tender.

⁹ I will not execute my fierce anger;
I will not again destroy Ephraim;
for I am God and no mortal,
the Holy One in your midst,
and I will not come in wrath.

¹⁰ They shall go after the Lord,
who roars like a lion;
when he roars,
his children shall come trembling from the west.

¹¹ They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt,
and like doves from the land of Assyria;
and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord.

Second Reading: Colossians. 3. 1-11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷ These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Gospel: Luke 12. 13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' ¹⁴ But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?'

¹⁵ And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?"'

¹⁸ Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." ²⁰ But God said to him, "You fool!

This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'