

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

The Old Testament reading is taken from the Book of Amos Chapter six.

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria, Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

*This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.*

Luke 16:19-end

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you O Lord

‘There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.” But Abraham said, “Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.” He said, “Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—for I have five

brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.” Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.” He said, “No, Father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” He said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.”’.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.***

Prayer for the week (COLLECT)

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayer for the Week at Home

*Circle us, Lord
Keep strife without, keep peace within
Keep fear without, keep hope within
Keep pride without, keep trust within
Keep evil out, keep good within
May we walk in the hope of your kingdom
Fill us with your light and love
Be with us all through this day
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen*

The Community of Aidan and Hilda

NEXT WEEK:

5th October 2025

Trinity 16

9.00am St Andrew's Rillington
Common Worship Holy Communion

11.00am St John's Yedingham
BCP Holy Communion

Readings: Habakuk: 1, 1-4, 2, 1-4
Luke 17:5-10

A Prayer during Vacancy

Gracious God, in your mercy, and for your glory, renew us, reshape us, revive us - with generous faith, courageous hope, and life-giving love - that, in transformed lives, through growing church and building community in this Benefice, we may see your Kingdom come and be good news for all. Amen.

Adapted from Derby Diocese's Diocesan Vision Prayer