

The Roughton Benefice

Sunday

21 July 2019 5th after Trinity

Collect

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister
the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: Amos 8:1-12

⁸This is what the Lord GOD showed me—
a basket of summer fruit. ²He said,
“Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A
basket of summer fruit.” Then the LORD
said to me,
“The end has come upon my people
Israel; I will never again pass them by.
³The songs of the temple shall become
wailings in that day,” says the Lord GOD;
“the dead bodies shall be many, cast out
in every place. Be silent!”
⁴Hear this, you that trample on the
needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the
land,
⁵saying, “When will the new moon be
over so that we may sell grain; and the
sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for
sale? We will make the ephah small and
the shekel great, and practice deceit
with false balances,
⁶buying the poor for silver and the
needy for a pair of sandals, and selling
the sweepings of the wheat.”
⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of
Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of
their deeds.
⁸Shall not the land tremble on this
account, and everyone mourn who lives
in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be
tossed about and sink again, like the Nile
of Egypt?
⁹On that day, says the Lord GOD, I will
make the sun go down at noon, and
darken the earth in broad daylight.
¹⁰I will turn your feasts into mourning,
and all your songs into lamentation; I
will bring sackcloth on all loins, and

baldness on every head; I will make it
like the mourning for an only son, and
the end of it like a bitter day.

¹¹The time is surely coming, says the
Lord GOD, when I will send a famine on
the land; not a famine of bread, or a
thirst for water, but of hearing the
words of the LORD.

¹²They shall wander from sea to sea, and
from north to east; they shall run to and
fro, seeking the word of the LORD, but
they shall not find it.

Psalm 15

¹O LORD, who may abide in your tent?
Who may dwell on your holy hill?

²Those who walk blamelessly, and do
what is right, and speak the truth from
their heart;

³who do not slander with their tongue,
and do no evil to their friends, nor take
up a reproach against their neighbours;

⁴in whose eyes the wicked are despised,
but who honour those who fear the
LORD; who stand by their oath even to
their hurt;

⁵who do not lend money at interest, and
do not take a bribe against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never
be moved.

Second Reading Colossians 1:15-28

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the
Colossians*

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him
all things in heaven and on earth were
created, things visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions or rulers
or powers—all things have been created
through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is
before all things, and in him all things
hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the
body, the church; he is the beginning,
the firstborn from the dead, so that he
might come to have first place in

everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness
of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and
through him God was pleased to
reconcile to himself all things, whether
on earth or in heaven, by making peace
through the blood of his cross.

²¹And you who were once estranged and
hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he
has now reconciled in his fleshly body
through death, so as to present you holy
and blameless and irreproachable
before him - ²³provided that you
continue securely established and
steadfast in the faith, without shifting
from the hope promised by the gospel
that you heard, which has been
proclaimed to every creature under
heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this
gospel.

²⁴I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for
your sake, and in my flesh I am
completing what is lacking in Christ's
afflictions for the sake of his body, that
is, the church. ²⁵I became its servant
according to God's commission that was
given to me for you, to make the word
of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery that
has been hidden throughout the ages
and generations but has now been
revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God
chose to make known how great among
the Gentiles are the riches of the glory
of this mystery, which is Christ in you,
the hope of glory. ²⁸It is he whom we
proclaim, warning everyone and
teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that
we may present everyone mature in
Christ.

Gospel Luke 10:38-end

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke*

³⁸Now as they went on their way, he
entered a certain village, where a
woman named Martha welcomed him
into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named
Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and
listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But

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Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Post Communion

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world
 may be so peaceably ordered
 by your governance,
that your Church may joyfully
 serve you in all godly
 quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.