

## PSALM 133

### R. The Lord's blessing is life for ever.

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! **R**

It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes. **R**

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life for evermore. **R**

### SECOND READING *Romans 11.1-2a,29-32*

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

### GOSPEL *Matthew 15.10-28*

Deacon: Alleluia, Alleluia  
Speak, Lord for your servant is listening.  
You have the words of eternal life.

**All: Alleluia, Alleluia**

Deacon: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**All: Glory to you, O Lord**

Then Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.' Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

Deacon: This is the Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you, O Christ**

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

# ST GEORGE'S CHURCH JESMOND

## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 17th AUGUST 2008

### 8.00am Holy Communion

Celebrant: Leah Vasey-Saunders Preacher: Allison Fenton

### 9.30am Parish Communion

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### 11.30 Holy Communion

Celebrant: & Preacher: Nick Chamberlain

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### 9.30am PARISH COMMUNION

Worshippers are welcomed today by Hilary and Roger Harvey,  
Jenny Click

The Lessons will be read by Grace Pearson and Irene Shaw

Jeg Gray will lead the intercessions

Hymns: 343, 373, 367, 268, 510

Anthem: Gaelic Blessing - John Rutter

Organ Music: Fugue in G Minor (The Little) - J. S. Bach

Refreshments will be served on the church green (hall if wet) by  
Hazel Jones-Lee, Alison Mattinson, Sarah Taylor and Janet Ross

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*If you are a visitor or newcomer please make yourself known  
to one of the sidespeople or to the clergy*

*The church is fitted with an induction loop;  
hearing aid users should switch to 'T'*

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PLEASE TAKE YOUR NOTICE SHEET HOME FOR INFORMATION

## SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

### MORNING PRAYER

9.00am Mon, Tues, Thurs, Sat  
9.00am Wed (St Hilda's)

### EVENING PRAYER

5.30pm Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Sat

### Tuesday 19th

7.30am Holy Communion

### Wednesday 20th

9.30am Holy Communion at St Hilda's Church

### Thursday 21st

9.30am Holy Communion

### Friday 22nd

9.30am Fairtrade Morning Coffee  
3.00pm Funeral of Joan Forster in Church

### Sunday 24th

#### THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00am Holy Communion  
9.30am PARISH COMMUNION  
11.30am Holy Communion

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### FOR OUR PRAYERS...

**The Sick:** Ken Wilson, Alan Brown, Sheila Clark, Judy Jewett, Margaret Jolly, Patricia Wilson, Jean Ward, Frank McGurk, Ian Walter, Sheila Richardson, Christer Erickson, Jennifer Young, Peggy Webster, Claire Wealleans, Ben Stevens, Peggy Hogg

**The Departed:** Mary Anderson, Freda Downes, Minnie Pharoah, Joan Forster

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**THE BISHOP'S FAITH AND LIFE COURSE 2008/9** This course was successfully piloted for Newcastle Diocese in 2007/8 by St George's, All Saints and St Nicholas, Gosforth. Information is now available about the 2008/9 Course, which is being held across the diocese. Once again, we are hosting a group at St George's. The course is an excellent opportunity to learn with others and to grow in faith. Do please consider whether you would like to be a member this year.

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### The Diocese of Newcastle - Parish of St George, Jesmond

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**LOOSE LADIES** are on the march again. This august band are going to the cinema to see 'Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day' on Wednesday 20th August, meeting at 7.00pm at the entrance of The Gate Cinema. Film starts 7.30pm. For more information speak to either Barbara Peacock or Enid Pearson.

**DEANERY PILGRIMAGE** to Holy Island with a service in St Mary's Church and Evening Prayer on the beach, Saturday 6th September 2008. If you would like to go please contact Allison Fenton by Friday 22nd August so transport can be arranged.

**THE BOOK CLUB** is reading Flaubert's Parrot by Julian Barnes. The next meeting is on Tuesday 9th September at 8.00pm, 31 Kenton Road. Enquiries to Mary White tel 285 1405. All welcome.

**HADRIAN'S WALL PATH** Alison and Henry Mattinson have successfully completed this 84 mile walk in 8 days. We enjoyed great scenery, great accommodation, great company and reasonable weather! Alison is now stiff and tired but Henry isn't! Thank you to everyone who sponsored us to raise money for SANDS (Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Society).

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### COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### FIRST READING *Genesis 45.1-15*

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, 'Send everyone away from me.' So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there - since there are five more years of famine to come - so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty." And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.' Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.