

Psalm 33: 12-end

*The reading is taken from the Book of Psalms chapter 33*

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord,  
the people whom he has chosen as his  
heritage.  
The Lord looks down from heaven;  
he sees all humankind.  
From where he sits enthroned he watches  
all the inhabitants of the earth—  
he who fashions the hearts of them all,  
and observes all their deeds.  
A king is not saved by his great army;  
a warrior is not delivered by his great  
strength.  
The war horse is a vain hope for victory,  
and by its great might it cannot save.  
Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear  
him,  
on those who hope in his steadfast love,  
to deliver their soul from death,  
and to keep them alive in famine.  
Our soul waits for the Lord;  
he is our help and shield.  
Our heart is glad in him,  
because we trust in his holy name.  
Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,  
even as we hope in you.

*Here ends the lesson*

Luke 12:32-40

*The holy Gospel is written in the twelfth  
chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Luke  
beginning at the thirty second verse.*

***Glory be to Thee, O Lord***

‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your  
Father’s good pleasure to give you the  
kingdom. Sell your possessions and give  
alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not  
wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven,  
where no thief comes near and no moth  
destroys. For where your treasure is, there  
your heart will be also.

‘Be dressed for action and have your lamps  
lit; be like those who are waiting for their  
master to return from the wedding banquet, so  
that they may open the door for him as soon  
as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those  
slaves whom the master finds alert when he  
comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt  
and have them sit down to eat, and he will  
come and serve them. If he comes during the  
middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds  
them so, blessed are those slaves.

‘But know this: if the owner of the house had  
known at what hour the thief was coming,  
he would not have let his house be broken  
into. You also must be ready, for the Son of  
Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

***Praise be to thee, O Christ for this thy holy  
gospel.***

Prayer for the week (COLLECT)

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we  
beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern  
both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your  
laws and the works of your commandments;  
that through your most mighty protection, both  
here and ever, we may be preserved in body  
and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus  
Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the  
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for  
ever. **Amen**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that  
have taken holy things; may the ears which  
have heard your word be deaf to clamour and  
dispute; may the tongues which have sung  
your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes  
which have seen the tokens of your love shine  
with the light of hope; and may the bodies  
which have been fed with your body be  
refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to  
you for ever. **Amen**

Prayer for the Week at Home

*Loving Lord, help us to wait patiently for the  
day you will return. Give us the grace to use  
the time we have here on earth, to live in a way*

*that reflects your light and truth. Make us models of your love and eager to share your word and love, today and every day, Amen.*

NEXT WEEK: 17<sup>th</sup> August 2025  
Trinity 9

10.15am  
All Saints' West Heslerton  
Common Worship Holy Communion

Readings: Psalm 82  
Luke 12: 49-56

### 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*