

Psalm 112

*The reading is taken from the Book of Psalms chapter 112*

Praise the Lord!  
Happy are those who fear the Lord,  
who greatly delight in his commandments.  
Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.  
Wealth and riches are in their houses,  
and their righteousness endures for ever.  
They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;  
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.  
It is well with those who deal generously and lend,  
who conduct their affairs with justice.  
For the righteous will never be moved;  
they will be remembered for ever.  
They are not afraid of evil tidings;  
their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.  
Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid;  
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.  
They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;  
their righteousness endures for ever;  
their horn is exalted in honour.  
The wicked see it and are angry;  
they gnash their teeth and melt away;  
the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.

*Here ends the reading.*

Luke 14:1, 7-14

*The holy Gospel is written in the fourteenth chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Luke beginning at the first verse.*

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you,

"Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

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

Prayer for the week (COLLECT)

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; **Amen**

Prayer for the Week at Home

*Loving Father, be with all students, old and young, as they return to school, college or university in the coming days. We pray for all those who work in education, teachers and teaching assistants, lecturers and academic staff and all those who work to support them. May they return refreshed in body and mind, ready to face the term ahead, Amen*

NEXT WEEK: 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025  
Trinity 12

9.00am St Andrew's Rillington  
11.00am St John's Yedingham

Readings: Deuteronomy 30:15-end  
Luke 14: 25-33

### 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*