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The Parish of Treharris Trelewis Bedlinog & Llanfabon

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET JEREMIAH

Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back – those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

(Jeremiah 23. 23–29)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM APOINTED FOR TODAY IS PSALM 82; AND THE RESPONSE IS:

R/. Arise, O God and judge the earth.

God has taken his stand in the council of heaven;

in the midst of the gods he gives judgement:

'How long will you judge unjustly
and show such favour to the wicked?

'You were to judge the weak and the orphan;
defend the right of the humble and needy. **R/.**

'Rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

'They have no knowledge or wisdom;
they walk on still in darkness:
all the foundations of the earth are shaken. **R/.**

'Therefore I say that though you are gods
and all of you children of the Most High,
'Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals
and fall like one of their princes.'

Arise, O God and judge the earth.

for it is you that shall take all nations for your possession. **R/.**

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

By faith the people passed of Israel through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets – who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

(Hebrews 11. 29 – 12. 2)

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Thanks be to God

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.' He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?'

(Luke 12. 49–56)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.