

MONDAY
27 JULY
Jeremiah 13:1-11
Psalm 82 or
Deuteronomy
32:18-21
Matthew 13:31-35

TUESDAY
28 JULY
Jeremiah 14:17-end
Psalm 79:8-end
Matthew 13:36-43

WEDNESDAY
29 JULY
Jeremiah 15:10.
16-end
Psalm 59:1-4. 18-end
Matthew 13:44-46

THURSDAY
30 JULY
Jeremiah 18:1-6
Psalm 146:1-5
Matthew 13:47-53

FRIDAY
31 JULY
Jeremiah 26:1-9
Psalm 69:4-10
Matthew 13:54-end

SATURDAY
1 AUGUST
Jeremiah
26:11-16. 24
Psalm 69:14-20
Matthew 14:1-12

REFLECTION

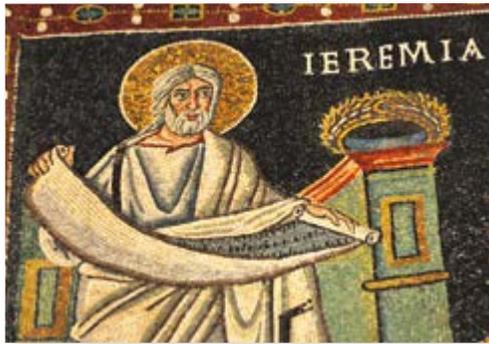
There is significant danger in speaking against the current easy opinion, and Jeremiah experiences it in this week's readings. The readings from the Hebrew scriptures (or the Old Testament) this week move between God's lament at the faithlessness of the people of Judah and Jeremiah's lament at the danger he is in for trying to speak prophetic words from God.

That double lament is important in a time when many people are lamenting the loss of species and habitat and are warning of the huge risk of climate change, and yet those prophets in our midst – including some very young women – are ridiculed and in some places openly persecuted.

Jeremiah gives a public sermon calling for change, or else destruction will come, but the religious authorities and the ordinary people can't bear to hear it and want to put him to death. The loincloth is meant to cling to the body as Judah is meant to cling to God, but it is "ruined... good for nothing" because the people refuse to hear God, stubbornly following their own will and going after other gods to serve and worship.

PRAYER

God of those who cry out in warning,
 help us to put aside our fears
 and listen for your voice in their words.
 Bless those who see with clarity how we must change
 to become your faithful people once again.



Jeremiah holding one of his scrolls, in the Byzantine basilica of St Vitale in Ravenna, Italy

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PART XXIV – JEREMIAH – A BOOK ABOUT DESPAIR AND CONSOLATION

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Born out of a national tragedy so devastating that it resonates throughout the rest of scripture – Jerusalem fallen, the first Temple destroyed, the Davidic monarchy crushed and a majority of Judah exiled – the prophecies of Jeremiah swirl with both despair over a people who have abandoned their God and hope that the one God will remain faithful and will, in time, draw them out of the abyss.

Jeremiah's prophetic life covers forty momentous years in ancient Middle Eastern history, beginning in 626 BC, during the reign of Josiah, and continuing until shortly after the destruction of the Temple in 587 BC. His book is a sprawling compilation, the second longest in the Hebrew Bible, swinging back and forth through the fall of the Assyrian empire, the rise of Babylon under a Chaldean dynasty and the God-defying misrule of a succession of ever weaker Davidic kings that eventually results in Judah losing its political independence, its ruling family, its elites and its artisans to become a petty Babylonian province.

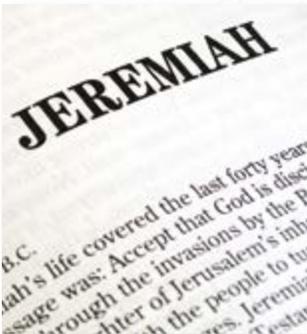
As Judah piles apostasy upon apostasy, rejects God's message and persecutes Jeremiah, God's messenger, so Jeremiah prophesies ever more trenchantly, not only that they will face humiliating punishment at the hands of God's agent, Nebuchadrezzar, but that the covenant is being torn up and the nation's dearest possessions, the Temple and the Davidic monarchy, will be sundered. Yet chapters thirty to thirty-three, at the book's heart, detailing Judah's blackest hours, are also known as the "oracles of consolation", offering continual strands of hope: God will not abandon the chosen people; this present, shattering, punishment is not final.

The Hebrew text of Jeremiah is substantially longer than, and in a different order from the Greek edition found in the Septuagint, indicating that compiling the prophet's pronouncements, along with details of his life, was slow and complex. However, despite its aura of intricacy and despair, Jeremiah's fearsome fidelity to God's message shines through. God will not abandon the chosen ones; redemption is always possible.

LIVE the WORD

SUSTAINING YOU THROUGH THE WEEK

Edited by Caroline Hodgson and Heather Smith



Seventh week after Trinity

Monday 27 July to Saturday 1 August 2020

WEEK

The Priory Church of the Holy Trinity, Micklegate Weekly Pew Sheet (26 July – 1 August)

Public worship has now resumed at Holy Trinity. All are welcome to attend in person. However, if you are unable to come in person you can still join in by telephone or internet.

From 27 July, the dates and times when the church building will be open for private prayer are changing. Alongside the Sunday Eucharist, we will be open on a Wednesday, where possible, from 10am to 3pm. This replaces openings for private prayer on Mondays and Thursdays.

For those at home, the weekly pew sheet and service book will be posted to you. If you have internet access, [both are available online](#). You can join from 5 minutes before the start time.

To join by calling from your telephone

Please see the details under each service. Dial the number and when asked to, enter the meeting ID.

To join if you have internet access

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Loving God, thank you for this house of prayer where we praise and thank you for all you have given us. Help us to go out into the world, refreshed by your Spirit, to do what you have called us to do in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday 26 July – Eucharist at 11am

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Join in person at church or from your own home/work by telephone, Zoom or Facebook

President and Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Clive Everett-Allen

Readings: 1 Kings 3: 5-12; Romans 8: 26-end; Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

Dial-in number: 0131 460 1196

Meeting ID: 850 3863 5650

[Join from your computer, smartphone or tablet](#)

Collect: Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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 God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Wednesday 29 July – private prayer

The church will be open for private prayer from 10am to 3pm.

Wednesday 29 July – Midday Prayer (Sext) at 12.15pm

Mary, Martha and Lazarus – Companions of our Lord

Join in person at church or from your own home/work by telephone, Zoom or Facebook

Readings: *Psalms 48*; Isaiah 61.1-3a

Music: Taizé

Dial-in number: 0131 460 1196

Meeting ID: 875 6666 2788

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