

**MONDAY**  
**17 AUGUST**  
 Ezekiel 24:15-24  
 Psalm 78:1-8  
 Matthew 19:16-22

**TUESDAY**  
**18 AUGUST**  
 Ezekiel 28:1-10  
 Psalm 107:1-3. 40. 43  
 Matthew 19:23-end

**WEDNESDAY**  
**19 AUGUST**  
 Ezekiel 34:1-11  
 Psalm 23  
 Matthew 20:1-16

**THURSDAY**  
**20 AUGUST**  
 Ezekiel 36:23-28  
 Psalm 51:7-12  
 Matthew 22:1-14

**FRIDAY**  
**21 AUGUST**  
 Ezekiel 37:1-14  
 Psalm 107:1-8  
 Matthew 22:34-40

**SATURDAY**  
**22 AUGUST**  
 Ezekiel 43:1-7  
 Psalm 85:7-end  
 Matthew 23:1-12

## REFLECTION

How you hear the Gospel readings this week will be largely determined by where you stand economically. A day labourer, such as someone on a zero-hours contract, would hear with joy that their pay will be the same as anyone else's. Someone with few possessions or someone who never gets invited anywhere could hear the story of the wedding banquet or of the rich young man as an encouraging sign that material possessions don't give automatic entry to the kingdom of God, but that God invites irrespective of status.

The Gospel on Saturday is a hard reading for religious folk, since they might hope that being scrupulously religious would get them preferential treatment. Not so! The most religious among Jesus' contemporaries are bidden to be humble rather than ostentatious in their religious practice. It seems that the reward is that the usual way of things is overturned – "many who are first will be last, and the last will be first" (Matthew 19:30), and it challenges us to rejoice in others going before us. Such humility is about recognising the worth of others in God's eyes and rejoicing in it.

### PRAYER

In our attempts at humility help us, dear God,  
 to put ourselves to one side and rejoice in others  
 and their place in your kingdom.  
 Help us to let go of false values  
 and to find peace in your new order.



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## HYMN WRITERS

### PART III – JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER (1807–1892)

Whittier is probably best known for penning the hymn "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind", which was originally written as a poem called "The Brewing of Soma". It conjures up images of a group of Vedic priests (an Indian sect) gathered around a blazing fire and cauldron, where they concoct and drink a powerful hallucinogenic potion extracted from plant stalks. As it takes hold they become frenzied until they're in a wild state of "drunken joy", believing they're experiencing divinity. Whittier's point was that some Christians were intoxicated by a heady mix of euphoria and rapture in worship, and that "music, incense, vigils drear, and trance" created a false sense of divinity. By contrast, Whittier believed that God could be heard as a "still, small voice of calm".

Born in Massachusetts of Huguenot ancestry, Whittier was raised on a farm. (It was discovered that he was colour-blind when he was unable to distinguish ripe from unripe strawberries.) There was only just enough money to get by and Whittier was never physically robust. He became an avid reader and devoured his father's books on Quakerism and their teachings, with their emphasis on humanitarianism, compassion and social responsibility, became the foundation of his ideology.

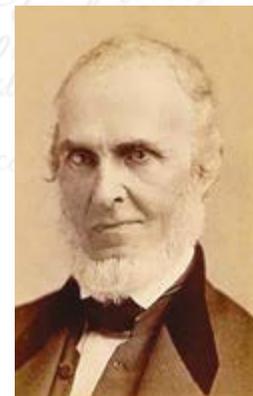
He was a magazine editor and founding member of the American Anti-Slavery Society, devoting much of his life to the abolitionist cause. Any hopes of a political career were dashed because his vocal demand for the emancipation of slaves alienated many influential people. Nevertheless, he considered it morally and socially right and necessary. He travelled widely, attending conventions, securing votes, speaking and lobbying politicians. He was mobbed, stoned and run out of town for this troubles, and in 1838 the offices of *The Pennsylvania Freeman*, of which he was the editor, were burned down by a pro-slavery mob.

He produced two collections of poetry: *Poems Written During the Progress of the Abolition Question in the United States* and *Voices of Freedom*. In 1865 the Thirteenth Amendment ended slavery, and he turned to other forms of poetry for the remainder of his life.

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SUSTAINING YOU  
 THROUGH THE WEEK

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John Greenleaf Whittier

Tenth week  
 after Trinity

Monday 17 August to  
 Saturday 22 August  
 2020

WEEK

## The Priory Church of the Holy Trinity, Micklegate Weekly Pew Sheet (16-22 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

Join via clicking the Zoom link (under each service below) or go to our Facebook page [Holy Trinity York](#) and watch the video.

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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 16 August – Holy Communion at 11am The Tenth 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 Stephen Griffith MBE

Readings: Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8; Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15: 10-28

Dial-in number: 0131 460 1196

Meeting ID: 850 3863 5650

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

*Collect:* Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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:* God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Wednesday 18 August – church open

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

## Wednesday 18 August – Holy Communion at 12.15pm

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

President: The Rev'd Canon Clive Everett-Allen

Readings: Ezekiel 34: 1-11; Matthew 20: 1-16

Dial-in number: 0131 460 1196

Meeting ID: 875 6666 2788

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