

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.*

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
grant that we may always conform our will to yours
and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING Exodus 17:8-13

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

In those days: Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim. So Moses said to Joshua, 'Choose for us men, and go out and fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand.' So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed, and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands grew weary, so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it, while Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side. So his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. And Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the sword.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 121(120):1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8. R. cf. 2

**R: Our help is in the name of the LORD
who made heaven and earth.**

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains;
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth. **R.**
2. He will keep your foot from stumbling.
Your guard will never slumber.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard. **R.**
3. The LORD your guard, the LORD your shade
at your right hand.
By day the sun shall not smite you,
nor the moon in the night. **R.**
4. The LORD will guard you from evil;
he will guard your soul.
The LORD will guard your going and coming,
both now and for ever. **R.**

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2

A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy.

Beloved: Continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able

to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL Hebrews 4:12

R: Alleluia, alleluia.

The word of God is living and active,
discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

R: Alleluia.

GOSPEL Luke 18:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

At that time: Jesus told his disciples a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, "Give me justice against my adversary." For a while he refused, but afterwards he said to himself, "Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming."

And the Lord said, 'Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant us, Lord, we pray,
a sincere respect for your gifts,
that, through the purifying action of your grace,
we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.*

Or

*The Son of Man has come
to give his life as a ransom for many.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, O Lord, we pray,
that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things,
we may be helped by what you give in this present age
and prepared for the gifts that are eternal.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Parish of St Anselm, Hayes

October 19th, 2025

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING ANY DONATIONS FOR OUR HARVEST FESTIVAL WITH YOU NEXT SUNDAY! ALL TINNED OR PACKET ITEMS WITH AT LEAST 3 MONTHS' REMAINING SHELF LIFE WILL BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED.

All our readings today have a common theme, albeit a theme that's demonstrated in widely differing contexts. It's the theme of persistence. In the first reading from Exodus, Moses is aware that God will not support the Israelites in their battle with Amalek and his army unless he overcomes his exhaustion and continues to hold up the 'staff of God' as an expression of his faith in God's promise. In the second reading from Paul's second letter to Timothy, he is tasked to persist in preaching the word "in season and out of season", whether it seems



successful or not. And in the gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the 'unjust judge'. In this story, a widow who has a dispute with someone finds that the judge is unwilling to listen to her complaint or to give her a fair hearing.

By her sheer refusal to take no for an answer she eventually persuades the judge to take her complaint seriously. Jesus assures us that God will always listen to our hopes and fears, but that we must be willing to be persistent in the face of discouragement or disappointments.

Entrance Hymn

336 Awake, my soul, and with the sun

Offertory Hymn

604 Thy hand, O God, has guided

Recessional

450 City of God, how broad and far

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THIS WEEK (Year C[1]; Psalm Week 1)

20th: Monday of Week 29 in Ordinary Time. No services in church; Offices said privately.

21st: Tuesday of Week 29 in Ordinary Time. Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association 1700.

22nd: Wednesday of Week 29 in Ordinary Time. Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; Evening Prayer 1700.

23rd: Thursday of Week 29 in Ordinary Time. Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; Evening Prayer 1700

24th: Friday of Week 29 in Ordinary Time. Offices said privately.

25th: Saturday of Week 29 in Ordinary Time. No services in church; Offices said privately.

NEXT SUNDAY: Sunday 26th October: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time and Harvest Festival. Mass at 1000.

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

Kathyan Fenton; Desiree Loderick; Mr & Mrs DeGale, and William. (If you have a name for the list, please give the details Fr Josiah, or Fr Stephen.)

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

19th: Harold Edward Henry Bonnett

20th: John Lucas, Derek Carson

22nd: Ethel Belcher

23rd: Ronald Edgehill, Denzil Upshon, Edward Brown, Harry Barnard Albert White

24th: Kathleen Walsh, Joan Valerie Riches, Peter Homewood [priest]

25th: Guilford Edwards, Ivy Selina Fever

YOUNG CHILDREN IN CHURCH: Don't worry if they make a noise or move about! Young visitors to the sanctuary are always welcome, so no drama if they go for a walk! We'll have a look at the children's work at the end of mass...

FINANCIAL POSITION: During September 2025, our income was £2,133.99, and our outgoings were £1,413.07. Another good month for our account, but once again we were fortunate to receive one large donation, and general giving remains low. With winter approaching and increased bills for heating, we can't be complacent, so do please consider if you can increase your contributions to the church, preferably via the Parish Giving Scheme if you don't already use that service.

SPONSORING CANDLES, ETC.: Sanctuary lights cost £3.50; votive candles £1.00; 100 communion wafers £1.50. We'd be very grateful for your support.

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PLEASE JOIN US IN THE HALL AFTER MASS FOR TEA, COFFEE, AND BISCUITS!

NOW THAT SUSAN HAS MOVED, WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THIS, SO PLEASE OFFER YOUR SERVICES IN MAKING TEA AND COFFEE AND HELPING TO PROVIDE A WARM WELCOME.