

Saint George and Saint James
Anglican Parish in the Borough of Queenscliffe

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 4th August 2019

Hosea 11.1-11

- ¹ When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son.
- ² The more I called them,
the more they went from me;
they kept sacrificing to the Baals,
and offering incense to idols.
- ³ Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk,
I took them up in my arms;
but they did not know that I healed them.
- ⁴ I led them with cords of human kindness,
with bands of love.
I was to them like those
who lift infants to their cheeks.
I bent down to them and fed them.
- ⁵ They shall return to the land of Egypt,
and Assyria shall be their king,
because they have refused to return to me.
- ⁶ The sword rages in their cities,
it consumes their oracle-priests,
and devours because of their schemes.
- ⁷ My people are bent on turning away from me.
To the Most High they call,

but he does not raise them up at all.
8 How can I give you up, Ephraim?
How can I hand you over, O Israel?
How can I make you like Admah?
How can I treat you like Zeboiim?
My heart recoils within me;
my compassion grows warm and tender.
9 I will not execute my fierce anger;
I will not again destroy Ephraim;
for I am God and no mortal,
the Holy One in your midst,
and I will not come in wrath.
10 They shall go after the Lord ,
who roars like a lion;
when he roars,
his children shall come trembling from the west.
11 They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt,
and like doves from the land of Assyria;
and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord .

Psalm 107.1-9, 43 (APBA p.337)

1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:
for his loving mercy is for ever.
2 Let the Lord's redeemed say so:
whom he has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,
3 And gathered in from every land,
from the east and from the west:
from the north and from the south.

⁴ Some went astray in the wilderness and in the desert:
and found no path to an inhabited city;

⁵ They were hungry and thirsty:
and their heart fainted within them.

⁶ Then they cried to the Lord in their distress:
and he took them out of their trouble.

⁷ He led them by the right path:
till they came to an inhabited city.

⁸ Let them thank the Lord for his goodness:
and for the wonders that he does
for the children of Adam;

⁹ For he satisfies the thirsty:
and fills the hungry with good things.

⁴³ Whoever is wise, let them observe these things:
and consider the loving-kindness of the Lord.

Colossians 3.1-11

¹ So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. ⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷ These are the ways

you also once followed, when you were living that life.⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth.⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator.¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Luke 12.13-21

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.'¹⁴ But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?'¹⁵ And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.'¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly.¹⁷ And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?"¹⁸ Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry."²⁰ But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?"²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'