



# St James C of E

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Sunday 16  
August  
2020

# Worship Songs

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[Come People of the Risen King](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9j07fbld3uY)

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## Bible reading

### **Rom 11: 1-2a, 29-32 - New International Version (NIV)**

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

# Bible reading Romans 10:5-15

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xmZ8qqNjfwY>

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[Cornerstone](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CCMErIUIOzk>

# Thought for Today

Click here to see a video recording of Jill's thoughts

<https://stjamesroundsgreen.com/openingtimes/our-church-services/>

# Thought for Today

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## TRINITY 10 SUNDAY 16 AUGUST 2020

By Chris Sale

### Rom 11: 1-2a, 29-32

Today's reading is quite short, and you may be glad to see it misses out a large chunk of Chapter 11 of Romans. It begins with Paul writing to a minority group within the church - the Jewish Christians. So we hear Paul asks a question – Did God reject his own people, and the resounding answer is NO!

Paul states that he himself comes from that same minority group, and does not feel rejected or abandoned, and he uses the story of Elijah that we can read in the book of Kings (1 Kings 19) that even when Elijah felt he was alone and would be better off dead, then God came to Him and his needs were met and God showed him a remnant of 7,000 who were also faithful to God, so when Elijah thought he was alone, he was not.

# Thought for Today

## **Rom 11: 1-2a, 29-32**

I don't know if you have ever felt like an outsider, or a lone voice against injustice, but even today we can hear the voices of minority groups crying out to be heard and for changes to be made that would make their lives more equal within our society. Paul uses words that are comforting to the Jewish Christians who although they are a minority in their own religious family are very much part of that same family. What is our current position in Gods family, are we part of it, doing all we can, are we on the fringes, dipping in and out as we have time, or do we feel a bit of an outsider struggling to find our place and a bit alone? Paul encourages us not to stumble over these things because salvation – Gods gift of a new relationship with Him is for everyone. We are all, everyone is welcome into Gods family.

# Thought for Today

## **Rom 11: 1-2a, 29-32**

The verses that we jumped over in our readings today use a variety of examples that make this point. Paul writes that even though we reject God and His ways we can all turn around and through our words and our actions we may be able to ‘save some of them’”. This reflects Pauls teaching in I Corinthians 9:22: “To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. What are we doing to draw people to Christ, how does our lives show the difference of following Jesus?

Every day I have a choice, am I going to be kind Chris or angry Chris, on the whole kind Chris win out. In the Marvel Avenger films - the Hulk is asked how he now controls his anger, the Hulk, fully in control, explains his secret method of dealing with the Hulk - he's always angry. ... The Hulk is no longer trying to repress his rage. He accepts it and uses it, channels it. That means when he needs it - like when the Chitauri are demolishing New York City - it's there for him to direct in the right way.

# Thought for Today

## **Rom 11: 1-2a, 29-32**

We need to be like the Hulk, not green, muscular and full of rage but full of God's love for all. Ready to be a beacon of God's hope that brings sanctuary for all, ready to share God's place of renewal and restoration for all.

In today's society we find many people that have decided to reject Jesus and His teachings, and rely on ways that they think are better, In the same way we are told that the Jewish people would reject the cornerstone that God would send, to help them live as God intended. This was rejected and still is rejected, but Paul writes that it is his "heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel that they might be saved".

Our Gospel; reading today shows that the Pharisees, the religious leaders of the day were supposed to be guides to the people, that understood and knew the way to follow God and his ways, but instead, Jesus tells them that they are like the ones who are blind leading their fellow blind followers. If we weren't social distancing then I would use two people to walk around the church, one would be blindfolded and the other not. Hopefully, you would see that the guide is able to lead the blind folded person around ensuring that they don't bump into things. We would then blindfold them both and see them both bump along to who knows where.

# Thought for Today

## **Rom 11: 1-2a, 29-32**

As followers of Jesus, we need to be guided by Gods ways and have our eyes opened to these ways so that we can follow Gods plans for our lives. Jesus is the good shepherd whom we can safely follow, and that starts by knowing who Jesus is, his character, his teachings and his ways of doing things.

We as we heard last week, the first step is to confess that Jesus is Lord and believe that God raised him (Jesus) from the dead, you will be saved. The second step is following and trusting Jesus.

Paul is writing to the Jewish and Gentile Christians in Rome but he wants all of Israel to be saved along with the Gentiles. He wants all people that reject God to be saved, and he never stopped telling people about what he had witnessed in his relationship with God.

Our God is a merciful God, who wants us all to turn to Him and live in his ways, where our daily acts are acts of worship, where the words we speak are words of encouragement and care for all, where our words and actions sow a different way to live our lives based on the good things that God wants for us each and every day.

# Sunday Activity

## Enjoy the Wordsearch

Find words links to our bible readings today.

By the power of the internet follow this link to play this wordsearch online.

<https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/1365128/rom-11-1-2a-29-32/>

The online version may look slightly different to the one here as it randomises every time so that means you can play it lots of times.

# Enjoy.

## Rom 11: 1-2a, 29-32

FAMILY  
INTEGRITY  
JUSTICE  
LOVE  
BETTER  
ADOPTED  
ENCOURAGE  
CARE  
HONESTY  
BLINDED  
COMFORT  
HOPE  
PEACE  
SANCTUARY  
RENEWAL  
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# Prayers

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## **Intercessions for Trinity 10 - Sunday 16 August 2020**

Father God we thank you for all you give us. We thank you that you always hear us and respond to us. We thank you that you want all people to know you and have a relationship with you. You are always there for us even when we turn away.

Lord in your mercy – Hear our prayer

# Prayers

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Lord we ask that you help our world to see the humanity in all regardless of our differences, may nations see the need to promote equality and seek out injustice and put it right. May our nations strive to be and do better. We ask that where there is corruption and selfishness that you instead rise up leaders of integrity and honesty with people at the forefront of their thinking. Where there are leaders of integrity make their voices heard and may more people have hearts to listen to their views and ideas.

Lord in Your Mercy – Hear our Prayer

# Prayers

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Father God we pray for your church, may we be places of encouragement and love where all are welcomed and where your word is shared and taught. May your church represent your character and be your light in a world that needs the living hope that comes from knowing you. Lord God build up church leadership teams who are firmly grounded in your teachings and have a servant heart for your people.

Lord in Your Mercy – Hear our Prayer

# Prayers

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Loving and merciful Saviour there are many people suffering in different ways, may they know your presence, your comfort, your hope and life-giving spirit. In a moment of quiet we bring them before you.

Lord in Your Mercy – Hear our Prayer

# Prayers

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As we go out into another week be with us each day. Help us to be like you not rejecting people but loving and forgiving them. Show us where you want us to act, to share our faith, to be helpful or give of ourselves. Help us to shine for you wherever you put us.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers through our saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

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## [Crown Him \(Majesty\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BIY LXJ1Qxa8)

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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

# New Songs - Some we have sung a few times and others are new to us

- Living Hope <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nyOJInn5SZI>
- Who You Say I Am <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lcC1Bp13n> 4
- While I Wait <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wkE-gEzTYJE>
- O Praise the Name <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LqBpifDpNKc>
- Rescuer <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7wCfHXgJbdg>
- Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dxKLnySMbYM>
- Great Things <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y4CY3nf1Mvw>
- Way Maker <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=29IxnsqOkmQ>
- Come To the Table <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DXXxLwxfo0U>
- Good Good Father <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ak0OoFBw3c>
- What A Beautiful Name [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CUBBlddm\\_rM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CUBBlddm_rM)
- Do It Again [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0B\\_InQlITxU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0B_InQlITxU)

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# Lively Uplifting Songs - to dance around the kitchen to or bop in your chair

- Alive <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qEvEVALLjNQ>
- Falling Into You <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hlsthBWtxAI>
- Dance [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kkb7yf\\_fYDU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kkb7yf_fYDU)
- This is Living <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gTojDT3Ky2c>
- Real Love <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5xUI7aVsQ>
- Deep Down <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nIX19TfG07U>
- Backseat Driver [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kME\\_Q5V82Us](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kME_Q5V82Us)
- Love Broke Thru <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f42ykMcndeo>
- Move <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MX1G71WK-FA>

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