

Common Worship - **Morning Prayer Readings** -Church of England
7th. Sunday after Trinity (Proper 11) Year C

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 30.1–10.

A reading from Deuteronomy, Chapter 30.

When all these things have happened to you,
the blessings and the curses that I have set before you,

if you call them to mind among all the nations
where the LORD your God has driven you,

and return to the LORD your God,

and you and your children obey him
with all your heart and with all your soul,

just as I am commanding you today,

then the LORD your God will restore your fortunes
and have compassion on you,

gathering you again from all the peoples among
whom the LORD your God has scattered you.

Even if you are exiled to the ends of the world,
from there the LORD your God will gather you,

and from there he will bring you back.

The LORD your God will bring you into the land that your ancestors possessed,
and you will possess it;

he will make you more prosperous and numerous than your ancestors.

Moreover, the LORD your God will circumcise your heart
and the heart of your descendants,

so that you will love the LORD your God
with all your heart and with all your soul,

in order that you may live.

The LORD your God will put all these curses on your enemies
and on the adversaries who took advantage of you.

Then you shall again obey the LORD,
observing all his commandments that I am commanding you today,

and the LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous
in all your undertakings,

in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil.

For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you,
just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors,

when you obey the LORD your God
by observing his commandments and decrees
that are written in this book of the law,

because you turn to the LORD your God
with all your heart and with all your soul.

For the Word of the LORD.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3.8–18

A reading from the first letter of Peter, Chapter 3.

All of you!

Have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another,
a tender heart, and a humble mind.

Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse;
but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing.

It is for this that you were called – that you might inherit a blessing.

For "Those who desire life and desire to see good days,
let them keep their tongues from evil and their lips from speaking deceit;
let them turn away from evil and do good; let them seek peace and pursue it.

For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer.

But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good?

But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed.

Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated,
but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord.

Always be ready to make your defense
to anyone who demands from you – an accounting for the hope that is in you;
yet do it with gentleness and reverence.

Keep your conscience clear,

so that, when you are maligned,
those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ
may be put to shame.

For it is better to suffer for doing good,
if suffering should be God's will,

than to suffer for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all,
the righteous for the unrighteous,
in order to bring you to God.

He was put to death in the flesh,
but made alive in the spirit,

For the Word of the LORD.