

## Psalms 49 (Cont'd)

- 9 so that they should live on forever  
and not see decay.
- 10 For all can see that the wise die'  
that the foolish and the senseless also perish,  
leaving their wealth to others.
- 11 Their tombs will remain their houses forever,  
their dwellings for endless generations,  
though they has named lands after themselves.
- 12 People, despite their wealth, do not endure;  
they are like the beasts that perish.
- 13 This is the fate of those who trust in themselves,  
and of their followers, who approve their sayings.
- 14 They are like sheep and are destined to die;  
death will be their shepherd  
(but the upright will prevail over them in the morning).  
Their forms will decay in the grave,  
far from their princely mansions.
- 15 But God will redeem me from the realm of the dead;  
he will surely take me to himself.
- 16 Do not be overawed when other grow rich,  
when the splendour of their houses increases;
- 17 for they will take nothing with them when they die,  
their splendour will not descend with them.
- 18 Though while they live they count themselves blessed -  
and people praise you when you prosper -
- 19 they will join those who have gone before them,  
who will neve again see the light of life.
- 20 People who have wealth but lack understanding  
are like the beasts that perish.

# READINGS

**St James', Southbroom**

**Sunday 16 October 2016**

**Collect - Twenty-first Sunday After Trinity**

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord,  
to your faithful people pardon and peace,  
that they may be cleansed from all their sins  
and serve you with a quiet mind;  
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 forever. **Amen.**

**Post-Communion Prayer**

Father of light,  
in whom is no change or shadow of turning,  
you give us every good and perfect gift  
and have brought us to birth by your word of truth:  
may we be a living sign of that kingdom  
where your whole creation will be made perfect  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Luke 16:1-15

**16** Jesus told his disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup>So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.’

<sup>3</sup>“The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg— <sup>4</sup>I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’

<sup>5</sup>“So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’

<sup>6</sup>“‘Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,’ he replied.

“The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.’

<sup>7</sup>“Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’

“‘A thousand bushels of wheat,’ he replied.

“He told him, ‘Take your bill and make it eight hundred.’

<sup>8</sup>“The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. <sup>9</sup>I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

<sup>10</sup>“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. <sup>11</sup> So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?

## Luke 16:1-15 (cont’d)

<sup>12</sup> And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own?

<sup>13</sup> “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

<sup>14</sup> The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus. <sup>15</sup> He said to them, “You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of others, but God knows your hearts. What people value highly is detestable in God’s sight.

## Psalms 49

- 1 Hear this, all you peoples;  
listen, all who live in this world,
- 2 both low and high,  
rich and poor alike:
- 3 My mouth will speak words of wisdom;  
the meditation of my heart will give you understanding.
- 4 I will turn my ear to a proverb;  
with the harp I will expound my riddle:
- 5 Why should I fear when evil days come,  
when wicked deceivers surround me -
- 6 those who trust in their wealth  
and boast of their great riches?
- 7 No one can redeem the life of another  
or give to God a ransom for them -
- 8 the ransom for a life is costly,  
no payment is ever enough -