

**Challenging Allegiance****Mark 10:17-31****Collect:**

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 for ever.

**Amen.****Hymn:****Lord, be my vision.***[Verse 1]*

Lord, be my vision, supreme in my heart,  
Bid every rival give way and depart:  
You my best thought in the day or the night,  
Waking or sleeping, Your presence my light.

*[Verse 2]*

Lord, be my wisdom and be my true word,  
I ever with you and you with me, Lord:  
You my great Father and I your true son,  
You in me living and I with You one.

*[Verse 3]*

Lord, be my breastplate, my sword for the fight:  
Be my strong armour, for You are my might;  
You are my shelter, and You my high tower  
Raise me to heaven, O Power of my power.

*[Verse 4]*

I need no riches, nor man's empty praise:  
You my inheritance through all my days;  
All of Your treasure to me You impart.  
High King of heaven, the first in my heart

*[Verse 5]*

High King of heaven, when battle is done,  
Grant heaven's joy to me, bright heaven's sun;  
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

**Reading:**

Mark 10.17-31

The rich and the kingdom of God

17 As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. 'Good teacher, 'he asked, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?'

18 'Why do you call me good?' Jesus answered. 'No one is good – except God alone. 19 You know the commandments: "You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honour your father and mother."'

20 'Teacher, 'he declared, 'all these I have kept since I was a boy.'

21 Jesus looked at him and loved him. 'One thing you lack, 'he said. 'Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.'

22 At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

23 Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!'

24 The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! 25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.'

26 The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, 'Who then can be saved?'

27 Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.'

28 Then Peter spoke up, 'We have left everything to follow you!'

29 'Truly I tell you, 'Jesus replied, 'no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel 30 will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields –

along with persecutions – and in the age to come eternal life. 31 But many who are first will be last, and the last first.'

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

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Intercessions:

The Peace:

Blessed are the peacemakers:  
they shall be called children of God.  
We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace.

God is love  
and those who live in love live in God  
and God lives in them.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Communion

Blessing:

God the Father,  
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,  
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**NOTE: Distribution of communion.**

*Bread:*

- We often serve bread at communion.
- Gluten free wafers are available. Please let the Welcomer or Warden know ideally before the service starts so that we can arrange this for you. Please ask for a gluten free wafer when you come forward. 000

*Wine:*

- We serve alcoholic wine from a shared silver cup.
- We also have non-alcoholic wine in a separate cup. If you wish to receive non-alcoholic wine please come forward with your service sheet in your hands.
- If you do not wish to receive wine please feel no compulsion to do so.

*A blessing:*

- If you do not wish to receive communion but would like to be prayed for, when you come forward, keep your hands by your side and we will pray for you.

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## Welcome to St. Peter's

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- 1) Email us on: [parishadmin@chesterstpeter.org.uk](mailto:parishadmin@chesterstpeter.org.uk)

We will try to get back to you as soon as possible. This email is checked regularly but we do not have a full-time administrator.

- 2) Provide your details and preferred method of contact below and return this page to a member of the welcome team.

Name .....

Please contact me by: Email .....

And/Or phone .....

Thank you for visiting and worshipping with us today. We hope to see you again soon. If you would like prayer before you leave, please ask any of the welcome or service leading team, or add your prayer request below: