Reading for the Memorial of St Dyfrig

14th November 2026

First reading **3 John 5-8**

'We ought to support people, that we may be fellow workers for the truth.'

Beloved, it is a faithful thing you do in all your efforts for these brothers and sisters, strangers as they are, who testified to your love before the Church. You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God. For they have gone out for the sake of the name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles. Therefore we ought to support people like these, that we may be fellow workers for the truth.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 112(111):1-2. 3-4. 5-6. ℟1a

Blessed the man who fears the Lord.
or: Alleluia.
Blessed the man who fears the Lord, who takes great delight in his commandments.
His descendants shall be powerful on earth; the generation of the upright will be blest.
Riches and wealth are in his house; his justice stands firm for ever.
A light rises in the darkness for the upright; he is generous, merciful and just.
It goes well for the man who deals generously and lends, who conducts his affairs with justice.
He will never be moved; for ever shall the upright be remembered.

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. 2 Thessalonians 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia.
God called us through the gospel, so that we may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia.

Gospel **Luke 18:1-8**

'God will give justice to his elect, who cry to him.'

At that time: Jesus told his disciples a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, "Give me justice against my adversary." For a while he refused, but afterwards he said to himself, "Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming." '

And the Lord said, 'Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

Short reflection on the reading for today

A courageous widow went to court before a judge who respected neither God nor man, but kept up her plea until she got justice at last. She embodies the kind of faith the Lord wants to see in us. At the end he asks the question, 'When the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

When he comes as judge, will be find a faith that refuses to give up, even when many traditional beliefs have fallen away. In these difficult times for our church, there is a strong temptation to discouragement. But to be a true believer is to be persistent. The supreme example of persistence in face of contradiction is Jesus himself, who remained faithful to the end. The widow is a kind of Jesus figure showing us how to persevere.