

Sunday 5 September 2021

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

## Hymns, Readings, and Collect

### Opening Hymn: All people that on earth do dwell

All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,  
come ye before him, and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed,  
without our aid he did us make;  
we are his folk, he doth us feed,  
and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,  
approach with joy his courts unto;  
praise, laud, and bless his name always,  
for it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good:  
his mercy is for ever sure;  
his truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
the God whom heaven and earth adore,  
from men and from the angel-host  
be praise and glory evermore. Amen.

*Old Hundredth 334 NEH*

### The Collect

Almighty God,  
whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence:  
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
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.**

### The New Testament Reading

A reading from the letter of St James.

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

This is the word of the Lord.

*St James 2: 1-10, 14-17*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation: Confitemini Domino

Confitemini Domino, quoniam bonus.  
Confitemini Domino, alleluia!

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.  
Give thanks to the Lord, alleluia!*

*Taize Community*

**Hymns, Readings, and Collect**

**The Gospel**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then Jesus returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*St Mark 7: 24–end*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**The Creed:**

Let us declare our faith in the living God.

**We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Offertory Hymn: Amazing grace**

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost, but now am found;  
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come.

'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there a thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we first begun.

*Amazing grace 587 AM*

**Communion Hymn: Give thanks with a grateful heart**

*Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,  
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.*

*(Repeat)*

And now let the weak say, "I am strong!"

Let the poor say, "I am rich"

because of what the Lord has done for us.

*(Repeat All)*

*Last time: Give thanks.*

*Give thanks 639 AM*

**Anthem: This is the day**

This is the day which the Lord hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
O praise the Lord of heav'n: praise him in the height.  
Praise him, all ye angels of his: praise him, all his host.  
Praise him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars and light.  
Let them praise the Name of the Lord.  
For he shall give his angels charge over thee: to keep thee in all thy ways.  
The Lord himself is thy keeper: the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;  
so that the sun shall not burn thee by day: neither the moon by night.  
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.  
The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in: from this time forth for evermore.  
He shall defend thee under his wings.  
Be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart, and put thou thy trust in the Lord.

*John Rutter (b 1945)*

*Psalms 118: 24; 148: 1-3, 5a; 91: 4a, 11; 121: 5-8; 27: 16b*

**Dismissal: God is love**

God is love: let heaven adore him;  
God is love: let earth rejoice;  
let creation sing before him,  
and exalt him with one voice.  
He who laid the earth's foundation,  
he who spread the heavens above,  
he who breathes through all creation,  
he is love, eternal love.

God is love: and he enfoldeth  
all the world in one embrace;  
with unfailing grasp he holdeth  
every child of every race.  
And when human hearts are breaking  
under sorrow's iron rod,  
then they find that selfsame aching  
deep within the heart of God.

God is love: and though with blindness  
sin afflicts the souls of men,  
God's eternal loving-kindness  
holds and guides them even then.  
Sin and death and hell shall never  
o'er us final triumph gain;  
God is love, so love for ever  
o'er the universe must reign.

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