

14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 2023

The Order of Service and Week's Happenings

For the 14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 3rd, 2023,

and following week,

Are not available.

The Readings and Prayer are available

and located below.

Thank you!



Today's Readings

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Prayer of the Day

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Jeremiah 15:15-21

O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me
on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take
me away;
know that on your account I suffer
insult.

¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart;
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.

¹⁷I did not sit in the company of
merrymakers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with
indignation.

¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful
brook,
like waters that fail.

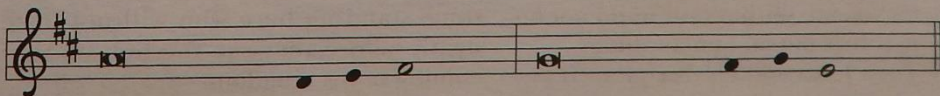
¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not
what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.
²⁰And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
says the LORD.

²¹I will deliver you out of the hand
of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp
of the ruthless.

Psalm

Psalm 26:1-8; tone 10



Give judgment for me, O LORD,
for I have lived ¹ with integrity;
I have trusted in the LORD
and ¹ have not faltered.

²Test me, O ¹ LORD, and try me;
examine my heart ¹ and my mind.

³For your steadfast love
is be- ¹ fore my eyes;
I have walked faithful- ¹ ly with you.

⁴I have not sat ¹ with the worthless,
nor do I consort with ¹ the deceitful.

⁵I have hated the company of ¹ evildoers;
I will not sit down ¹ with the wicked.

continued

Psalm, continued

⁶I will wash my hands
in inno-¹ cence, O LORD,
that I may go in procession
¹ round your altar,
⁷singing aloud a song ¹ of thanksgiving
and recounting all
your won-¹ derful deeds.

⁸LORD, I love the house
in ¹ which you dwell
and the place
where your glo-¹ ry abides.

Second Reading

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than

you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Gospel

Matthew 16:21-28

From that time on [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any

want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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