

14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

3 September 2023

HYMNS

- 631 Father, Lord of all creation
583 'Take up your cross,' the Saviour said
217 Love divine, all loves excelling

SENTENCE

If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross and follow him.



COLLECT

O God, whose Son has shown the way of the cross to be the way of life: transform and renew our minds that we may not be conformed to this world but may offer ourselves wholly to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Saviour; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

READINGS

A reading from the prophecy of Jeremiah:

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.

Your 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.

I 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.
Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.
Therefore, 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.
And 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.
I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Jeremiah 15.15-21

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

We say the verses from Psalm 26 alternately:

Give judgement for me, O Lord, for I have walked with integrity; I
have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

Test me, O Lord, and try me; examine my heart and my mind.

For your love is before my eyes; I have walked in your truth.

**I have not joined the company of the false, nor consorted with
the deceitful.**

I hate the gathering of evildoers and I will not sit down with the
wicked.

**I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, that I may go about
your altar,**

To make heard the voice of thanksgiving and tell of all your
wonderful deeds.

**Lord, I love the house of your habitation and the place where
your glory abides.**

Psalm 26.1-8

A reading from Paul's letter to the Christians in Rome:

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, '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.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Romans 12.9-21

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

From that time on, 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. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But 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.’ Then Jesus told his disciples, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For 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? 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. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.’

Matthew 16.21-28

This is the Gospel of the Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

PRAYERS

Anglican Church:

For the Parish: Give thanks for our parish leadership: Ps Sharon, Fr Irwin & Fr Barry, the Church Wardens and Parish Council, and the leaders of parish groups and teams; and pray that they may be inspired by the leadership of Jesus.

For the sick & in need, and those who have ongoing need for strength, courage and peace of heart, mind and soul in their journey: Alan & Jean Y, Keiran & Paul, Fiona T, Sally N, John B, Deirdre B, Jenny S, Jane & Peter M, Boris Z, Pauline R, Lorraine D, Ray & Marion W, Helen & Geoff D, Jim H, Nan L, Marilyn, Mary & Ian S, Philip C, Janet N and those known to us in need of our prayers.

Year's mind

3rd Joan Tarn (2017), Keith Heller (1998)

8th Elizabeth North (2022)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

5th Olivier Bonnici