

# The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Proper 17

September 3, 2023

## The Collect of the Day

O Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow after us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
*Amen.*

## A Reading from Jeremiah 15:15-21

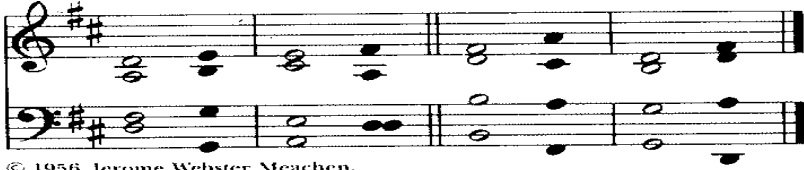
O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not 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, declares the LORD. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** *Thanks be to God*

## Psalm 26

*The Psalm will be chanted.*



© 1956, Jerome Webster Meachen.

- 1 Be my judge, O LORD, for I have walked **innocently**; \*  
my trust has been in the LORD; therefore I shall not **fall**.
- 2 Test me, O LORD, and **prove me**; \*  
examine my heart and my **mind**.
- 3 For your loving-kindness is ever before my eyes, \*  
and I will walk in your **truth**.
- 4 I have not dwelt with evil-**doers**, \*  
neither will I have fellowship with the de-**ceitful**.
- 5 I have hated the company of the **wicked**, \*  
and will not sit among the un-**godly**.
- 6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, \*  
and so will I go to your **altar**,
- 7 That I may lift up the voice of **thanksgiving** \*  
and tell of all your wondrous **works**.
- 8 LORD, I have loved the habitation of your **house** \*  
and the place where your honor **dwells**.
- 9 O take not away my soul with the **sinners**, \*  
nor my life with the **bloodthirsty**,
- 10 Whose hands are full of **wickedness**, \*  
and their right hand full of **bribes**.
- 11 But as for me, I will walk **innocently**; \*  
O deliver me, and be merciful unto **me**.
- 12 My foot stands **firm**; \*  
I will praise the LORD in the congre-**gations**.

Glory be to the Father, and to the **Son**, and to the Holy **Spirit**: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever **shall be**, world without end. **A-men**.

## A Reading from Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God*

## **The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew 16:21-27**

*All standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Holy Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to \_\_\_\_\_.

*People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from 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, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.

*People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

### **Proper Preface**

*The Lord's Day*

*For the Celebrant to read after the Sursum Corda.*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life .