

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

New Testament **Romans 14.1-12**

14 Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. **2** Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. **3** Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. **4** Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. **5** Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. **6** Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since

they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

7 We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. **8** If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. **9** For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

10 Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. **11** For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.'

12 So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Psalm 114

1 When Israel went out from Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of
strange language,

2 **Judah became God's sanctuary,
Israel his dominion.**

3 The sea looked and fled;
Jordan turned back.

4 **The mountains skipped like rams,
the hills like lambs.**

5 Why is it, O sea, that you flee?
O Jordan, that you turn back?

6 **O mountains, that you skip like
rams?
O hills, like lambs?**

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of
the LORD,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

8 **who turns the rock into a pool of
water,
the flint into a spring of water.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Gospel Reading **Matthew 18.21-35**

21 Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' **22** Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

23 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. **24** When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; **25** and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his

possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." ²⁹ Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

ST JOHN

Those who are ill and their carers:

Pat Crowe, Jo Hearn, Ann Kinson, Allan Law

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

ST MICHAEL

Those newly in need of prayer

Chris Dickerson, Elizabeth Chapman, Claire Kendrick, Nick Rutter, John and Sonia Doidge, Matthew and Emeline and their parents Ruth and Andrew.

Those in continuing special need of prayer:

Anthony Staples aged 6, Audrey Egleston, Colin Eastwood, Yvonne Harper, Ian and Judith Watson, Alison Cox-Toplis, Julian & Wendy, Jamie, Gary and Denise, Sam Bassett, Mark Berry, Dorothy Clayton, Jo Cobb, Dottie Collins, Robert Harris, Bill Hill, James Knight, Marielouise Oliver, Arthur Palin, John Tipper, Sheila Vaughan, Renee Wellings, Felicity Woodfield

Those who have died

Richard Keay

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles'
teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

SERVICE SHEET

13th September - Trinity 14

Canticle - The Song of God's Blessing

**God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,**

**That your way may be known upon
earth,
your saving power among all
nations.**

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.**

**O let the nations rejoice and be
glad,
for you will judge the peoples
righteously
and govern the nations upon earth.**

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.**

**Then shall the earth bring forth her
increase,
and God, our own God, will bless us.**

**God will bless us,
and all the ends of the earth shall
fear him.**

Psalm 67

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**