

SUNDAY 30th AUGUST 2026
13th after Trinity

Collect

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness that you
were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

1st 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. 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 merry-makers, 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.

Psalm from Psalm 26

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. *℟*



2nd Reading - Romans 12.9-21

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.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 16.21-28

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.'

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator, you feed your children
with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us
through our earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place
where hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

