

**Readings, Collect and Year's Mind  
for Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September & Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020  
Pentecost 14**

**In our Year's Mind this week, we pray for:**

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**The Collect for Pentecost 14 is:**

Almighty and eternal God,  
make us grow in faith, hope and charity:  
and that we may be worthy of your promises,  
cause us to love what you command;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

**Amen.**

**The First Reading is from Exodus 12: 1-14**

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 149**

1. Alleluia! Sing to the Lord a new song; sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
2. Let Israel rejoice in his maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.
3. Let them praise his name in the dance; let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
4. For the Lord takes pleasure in his people and adorns the poor with victory.
5. Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them be joyful on their beds.
6. Let the praises of God be in their throat and a two-edged sword in their hand;
7. To wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples;

8. To bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of iron;
9. To inflict on them the judgement decreed; this is glory for all his faithful people.
10. Alleluia!

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**The Second Reading is from the Letter to the Romans 13: 8-14** (Read by John Smith)

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel Reading is from Matthew 18: 15-20** (Read by the Priest)

**Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

Jesus spoke to his disciples. 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

**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.

**Amen.**