

**Readings, Collect and Year's Mind
for Sunday 24th October, 2021
Pentecost 22**

In our Year's Mind this week, we pray for Richard Connell, Flora Matheson, Edith May, Horace Primmer, Pat Dunbar, Nicholas Kemmer, Betty McLaughlan

We also give special prayers for the family of Ian Gillespie, Joan M., Delia, Roddy, Nancy, Jane T., Pam B., Claire A. & family, and Jenny, Colin & family.

The Intercessions are being led by Janet Young

The Collect for Pentecost 22 is

O Lord, in your mercy:
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace;
that they may be cleansed from all their sins,
and serve you with a quiet mind;
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 Old Testament Reading is Jeremiah 31: 7-9

(Being read by Christine Bethune)

Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel.' See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labour, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126

1. When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.
2. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.

3. Then they said among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.'
4. The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.
5. Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses of the Negev.
6. Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.
7. Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The New Testament Reading is from Hebrews 7: 23-28

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues for ever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading is Mark 10: 46b-52

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!'

Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Father of light,
in whom is no change or shadow of turning,
you give us every good and perfect gift
and have brought us to birth by your word of truth:
may we be a living sign of that kingdom
where your whole creation will be made perfect
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Anthem is Anton Bruckner's *Locus Iste*.

The text is the Latin Gradual for the Dedication of a Church, and is based on the Biblical story of Jacob's Ladder, when Jacob is saying, 'Surely the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not', and the story of the burning bush where Moses is told 'take off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground'. The translation is

*This place has been made by God,
a sacrament beyond price;
it cannot be comprehended.*