

Sunday 6th September

2020

13th Sunday after Trinity

Special Prayer for the day

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.
Amen

First Reading

Psalm 119:33–40

[33] Teach me, O LORD,
the way of your statutes;
and I will keep it to
the end.

[34] Give me
understanding, that I may keep your
law
and observe it with
my whole heart.

[35] Lead me in the path of
your commandments,
for I delight in it.

[36] Incline my heart to
your testimonies,
and not to selfish
gain!

[37] Turn my eyes from
looking at worthless things;
and give me life in
your ways.

[38] Confirm to your
servant your promise,
that you may be
feared.

[39] Turn away the
reproach that I dread,
for your rules are
good.

[40] Behold, I long for your
precepts;
in your
righteousness give me life! (ESV)

Second Reading

Romans 13:8–14

[8] Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. [9] For 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: “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” [10] Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

[11] Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. [12] The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light. [13] Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarrelling and jealousy. [14] But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. (ESV)

Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:15–20

[15] “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. [16] But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. [17] If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. [18] Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. [19] Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. [20] For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.” (ESV)

Final Prayer

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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