

# Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020

## 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

### Special Prayer for the day

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**

### First Reading

**Psalm 103:1–14**

[1] Bless the LORD, O my  
soul,  
and all that is within  
me,  
bless his holy name!  
[2] Bless the LORD, O my  
soul,  
and forget not all his  
benefits,  
[3] who forgives all your  
iniquity,  
who heals all your  
diseases,  
[4] who redeems your life  
from the pit,  
who crowns you with  
steadfast love and mercy,  
[5] who satisfies you with  
good  
so that your youth is  
renewed like the eagle's.  
[6] The LORD works  
righteousness  
and justice for all who  
are oppressed.  
[7] He made known his ways  
to Moses,  
his acts to the people  
of Israel.  
[8] The LORD is merciful and  
gracious,  
slow to anger and  
abounding in steadfast love.  
[9] He will not always chide,  
nor will he keep his  
anger forever.  
[10] He does not deal with us  
according to our sins,  
nor repay us  
according to our iniquities.  
[11] For as high as the heavens  
are above the earth,

so great is his  
steadfast love toward those who fear  
him;

[12] as far as the east is from  
the west,  
so far does he remove  
our transgressions from us.  
[13] As a father shows  
compassion to his children,  
so the LORD shows  
compassion to those who fear him.  
[14] For he knows our frame;  
he remembers that we  
are dust. (ESV)

### Second Reading

**Romans 14:1–12**

[1] As for the one who is weak in faith,  
welcome him, but not to quarrel over  
opinions. [2] One person believes he  
may eat anything, while the weak  
person eats only vegetables. [3] Let not  
the one who eats despise the one who  
abstains, and let not the one who  
abstains pass judgment on the one who  
eats, for God has welcomed him. [4]  
Who are you to pass judgment on the  
servant of another? It is before his own  
master that he stands or falls. And he  
will be upheld, for the Lord is able to  
make him stand.

[5] One person esteems one day as  
better than another, while another  
esteems all days alike. Each one should  
be fully convinced in his own mind. [6]  
The one who observes the day,  
observes it in honour of the Lord. The  
one who eats, eats in honour of the  
Lord, since he gives thanks to God,  
while the one who abstains, abstains in  
honour of the Lord and gives thanks to  
God. [7] For none of us lives to  
himself, and none of us dies to himself.  
[8] For 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, that he  
might be Lord both of the dead and of  
the living.

[10] Why do you pass judgment on  
your brother? Or you, why do you  
despise your brother? For we will all  
stand before the judgment seat of God;  
[11] for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every  
knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue  
shall confess to God.”

[12] So then each of us will  
give an account of himself to God.  
(ESV)

### Gospel Reading

**Matthew 18:21–35**

[21] Then Peter came up and said to  
him, “Lord, how often will my brother  
sin against me, and I forgive him? As  
many as seven times?” [22] Jesus said  
to him, “I do not say to you seven  
times, but seventy-seven times.

[23] “Therefore the kingdom of heaven  
may be compared to a king who wished  
to settle accounts with his servants. [24]  
When he began to settle, one was  
brought to him who owed him ten  
thousand talents. [25] And since he  
could not pay, his master ordered him  
to be sold, with his wife and children  
and all that he had, and payment to be  
made. [26] So the servant fell on his  
knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience  
with me, and I will pay you everything.’  
[27] And out of pity for him, the master  
of that servant released him and forgave  
him the debt. [28] But when that same  
servant went out, he found one of his  
fellow servants who owed him a  
hundred denarii, and seizing him, he  
began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what  
you owe.’ [29] So his fellow servant  
fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have  
patience with me, and I will pay you.’  
[30] He refused and went and put him  
in prison until he should pay the debt.  
[31] When his fellow servants saw what  
had taken place, they were greatly  
distressed, and they went and reported  
to their master all that had taken place.  
[32] Then his master summoned him  
and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I  
forgave you all that debt because you  
pleaded with me. [33] And should not  
you have had mercy on your fellow  
servant, as I had mercy on you?’ [34]  
And in anger his master delivered him  
to the jailers, until he should pay all his  
debt. [35] So also my heavenly Father  
will do to every one of you, if you do  
not forgive your brother from your  
heart.” (ESV)

### Final 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.**

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