

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

## 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024

### Collect

Merciful God,  
your Son came to save us  
and bore our sins on the cross:  
may we trust in your mercy  
and know your love,  
rejoicing in the righteousness  
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### First Reading (Deuteronomy 4.1-2, 6-9)

A reading from the Book Deuteronomy.  
So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you. You have seen for yourselves what the LORD did with regard to the Baal of Peor--how the LORD your God destroyed from among you everyone who followed the Baal of Peor, while those of you who held fast to the LORD your God are all alive today. See, just as the LORD my God has charged me, I now teach you statutes and ordinances for you to observe in the land that you are about to enter and occupy. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

### Psalm (Psalm 15)



The just will live in the pre-sence of the Lord.

**Response: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.**

Lord who shall dwell on your holy mountain?  
Those who walk without fault.  
Those who act with justice  
and speak the truth from their heart. R

Those who do no wrong to their kindred,  
who cast no slur on their neighbours,  
who hold the godless in disdain,  
but honour those who fear the Lord. R

Those who keep their word, come what may,  
who take no interest on a loan  
and accept no bribes against the innocent.  
Such people will stand firm for ever. R

### Second Reading (James 1.17-27)

A reading from the Letter of James.  
Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act--they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

### Gospel Reading (Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.  
Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do

not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles). So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." And he said, "It is what comes out of a person that defiles. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

#### **Post Communion 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.

#### **For your prayers**

**In our Prayers:** Hugh, Josh, Diane Rankin, Lloyd Whitney, Diane, Trevor, Vera, Chris Hall, Tommy Lacken, Sue, Kathy, Maria Amparo Garcia, Maria, Lenny Shaw, Adele Skinner, Pat, Martin Fletcher, Vanessa, Gregg & Julia Hill, Eamon Irvine, HM King Charles, Steve, Stephen James Winfield, Pat & Terry Bartrip, Tracey Sanderson, Amelia Gregg., Fr Michael Shier, Michelle Ferguson, Maria Vaccaro Robert Russell.

**Among the departed:** Timothy Dudley-Smith (Bp & Hymn writer), Billy Gilroy, John Moses KCVO (Pr), Roger Shaw,

**Anniversaries of Death:** Marsden Whelpton (Pr), Florence Coke-Burnett, Constance Grace, Cyril Furnell, Henry James Connor, Mary Doell, Cecil James Vincent (Pr), Ron Lyons, Ellen Elizabeth Grout

**In the Parish:** We pray for Goswell Road and Turnpike House

**In the wider world:** We pray for the people of Ukraine. For all those caught up in the conflict there and for all who are refugees, living away from their homes and loved ones.

#### **Notices**

##### **In Church this week**

**Wednesday 4th September 10am-1pm Open Church**

12.30pm Mass

1pm singing

**Next Sunday 15th Sunday after Trinity**

10.30am Sung Mass

#### **Thanks!**

A big thank you to those who've been clearing up in and around church this past week. We're very grateful for all hard work.

#### **Nature Hub**

*Every Saturday from 10am-12pm at St Luke's Community Centre Central Street.*

Gardening for adults and families from South Islington (Children must be accompanied)

#### **St Clement's Shopping Basket**

The basket provides the chance week by week to donate to a collection of dried and tinned food and toiletries which can be passed directly to the Dunloe Centre at St Saviour's Priory which works with the homeless and the very poor in our part of London. Please give what you can.

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