

The Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity

Wishing you a safe and blessed Sunday



Lord, you opened your arms for us on the cross, you welcome us into your kingdom; may your saving power be known among us, and lead us into the ways of peace, Christ our Lord, who lives and

reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit in everlasting love. **Amen**

We pray that we, your church, may be welcoming and open.

Let us draw others to you by the welcome and generosity we show them.

May we be a support to those struggling with their faith,

Let us not be judgmental, yet stand firm in our own faith and our desire to do your will.

Teach us to be forgiving towards others, as we seek forgiveness from you.

Lord, as you gave your life for us,

help us to give our lives to you.

We give you thanks for what you have given to us.

We pray that what we have may be neither hoarded or squandered, that we may give to the relief of the needy and to the building of our world.

We give you thanks for those who have been generous to us and pray that our homes may be places of grace and generosity.

Lord, as you gave your life for us,

help us to give our lives to you.

We pray for those whose lives are marked by greed and selfishness, for all those who are afraid to venture or to risk.

We remember those afraid to commit themselves, all who have been hurt in love or betrayed by loved ones.

We pray for all broken relationships and remember before you all those who are in trouble or in need.



We pray for those who are sick and we call to mind those known to us who need our prayers this day.

Lord, as you gave your life for us, help us to give our lives to you.

We call to mind all those who in their generosity have given their lives for others.

We pray that as they gave their lives, you will give them eternal life.

May we, with them, share in your love and in life everlasting.

Lord, as you gave your life for us,

help us to give our lives to you.

Our Bible readings for this week:

Exodus 14: 19-end

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed



the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the

sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Matthew 18: 21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his



lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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,
made known to us through
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Blessing

The power of God be about us,
the love of Christ enfold us,
the joy of the Spirit be within us;
and may the blessing of God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be with us and remain with us always.
Amen

“forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”