

# Sunday 10 July 2022 Fourth Sunday after Trinity

## COLLECT

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,  
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:  
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;  
that with you as our ruler and guide  
we may so pass through things temporal  
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;  
grant this, heavenly Father,  
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## FIRST READING Deuteronomy 30:9-14

*A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.*

Moses spoke to the people, saying, The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

## PSALM Psalm 25:1-10

**R** *Remember, Lord, your compassion and love.*



To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
O my God, in you I trust;  
let me not be put to shame;  
let not my enemies triumph over me.  
Let none who look to you be put to shame,  
but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated. **R**

Make me to know your ways, O Lord,  
and teach me your paths.  
Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you have I hoped all the day long. **R**

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.  
Remember not the sins of my youth  
or my transgressions,  
but think on me in your goodness, O Lord, according to your  
steadfast love. **R**

Gracious and upright is the Lord;  
therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.  
He will guide the humble in doing right  
and teach his way to the lowly. **R**

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.  
For your name's sake, O Lord,  
be merciful to my sin, for it is great. **R**

## **SECOND READING Colossians 1:1-14**

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.*

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

## **GOSPEL Luke 10:25-37**

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.*

A lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your

strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.” But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbour?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

## POST COMMUNION

Eternal God,  
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,  
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:  
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,  
that all the world may acknowledge  
the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

St John's Guild



Christians Supporting  
Blind People

*The Revised Common Lectionary* is copyright © the Consultation on Common Texts, 1992. *The Christian Year: Calendar, Lectionary and Collects*, 1997, which includes *The Common Worship Lectionary* (the Church of England's adaptations of the *Revised Common Lectionary*, published as the Principal Service Lectionary) and the compilation of Collects and Post Communion Prayers, is copyright © The Archbishops' Council, and material from it is reproduced with permission. Bible readings from NRSV published by Mowbray and used by permission. All rights reserved. Copyright © Redemptorist Publications Wolf's Lane Chawton Hampshire GU34 3HQ. A Registered Charity limited by guarantee. Registered in England 03261721.  
[www.rpbooks.co.uk](http://www.rpbooks.co.uk) Email [rp@rpbooks.co.uk](mailto:rp@rpbooks.co.uk)

Funded by St John's Guild [www.stjohnsguild.org](http://www.stjohnsguild.org)

  
redemptorist  
publications

## COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,  
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and  
sanctified:

hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,  
that in their vocation and ministry  
they may serve you in holiness and truth  
to the glory of your name;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## FIRST READING Genesis 18:1-10a

*A reading from the book of Genesis.*

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on – since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and

milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

## **PSALM Psalm 15**



**R** *Through the greatness of your mercy, I will come into your house.*

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?  
Who may rest upon your holy hill?  
Whoever leads an uncorrupt life  
and does the thing that is right;  
Who speaks the truth from the heart  
and bears no deceit on the tongue;  
Who does no evil to a friend  
and pours no scorn on a neighbour; **R**

In whose sight the wicked are not esteemed,  
but who honours those who fear the Lord.  
Whoever has sworn to a neighbour  
and never goes back on that word;  
Who does not lend money in hope of gain,  
nor takes a bribe against the innocent;  
Whoever does these things  
shall never fall. **R**

## **SECOND READING Colossians 1:15-28**

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.*

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or

dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him – provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

## **GOSPEL Luke 10:38-end**

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.*

Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at

the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

## POST COMMUNION

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,  
that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by  
your governance,  
that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**St John's Guild**



Christians Supporting  
Blind People

*The Revised Common Lectionary* is copyright © the Consultation on Common Texts, 1992. *The Christian Year: Calendar, Lectionary and Collects*, 1997, which includes *The Common Worship Lectionary* (the Church of England's adaptations of the *Revised Common Lectionary*, published as the Principal Service Lectionary) and the compilation of Collects and Post Communion Prayers, is copyright © The Archbishops' Council, and material from it is reproduced with permission. Bible readings from NRSV published by Mowbray and used by permission. All rights reserved. Copyright © Redemptorist Publications Wolf's Lane Chawton Hampshire GU34 3HQ. A Registered Charity limited by guarantee. Registered in England 03261721.  
[www.rpbooks.co.uk](http://www.rpbooks.co.uk) Email [rp@rpbooks.co.uk](mailto:rp@rpbooks.co.uk)

Funded by St John's Guild [www.stjohnsguild.org](http://www.stjohnsguild.org)

**redemptorist**  
p u b l i c a t i o n s

## COLLECT

Merciful God,  
you have prepared for those who love you  
such good things as pass our understanding:  
pour into our hearts such love toward you  
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,  
may obtain your promises,  
which exceed all that we can desire;  
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.

## FIRST READING Genesis 18:20-32

*A reading from the book of Genesis.*

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre and said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know." So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he

said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty five there." Again Abraham spoke to the LORD, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then Abraham said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." The LORD answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." Abraham said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." The LORD answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." The LORD answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

### **PSALM Psalm 138**



**R** *Your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever.*

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
before the gods will I sing praise to you.

I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name,  
because of your love and faithfulness;

for you have glorified your name  
and your word above all things. **R**

In the day that I called to you, you answered me;  
you put new strength in my soul.

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,  
for they have heard the words of your mouth. **R**

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the  
Lord.

Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly;  
as for the proud, he regards them from afar. **R**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you will preserve me;

you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your  
right hand will save me.

The Lord shall make good his purpose for me;

your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever; forsake not the work  
of your hands. **R**

## **SECOND READING**

(Short or long reading)

### **Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]**

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.*

Brothers and sisters, as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. [Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.]

### **GOSPEL Luke 11:1-13**

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.*

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his

disciples.” He said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.” And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

## POST COMMUNION

God of our pilgrimage,  
you have led us to the living water:  
refresh and sustain us  
as we go forward on our journey,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

St John's Guild



Christians Supporting  
Blind People

*The Revised Common Lectionary* is copyright © the Consultation on Common Texts, 1992. *The Christian Year: Calendar, Lectionary and Collects*, 1997, which includes *The Common Worship Lectionary* (the Church of England's adaptations of the *Revised Common Lectionary*, published as the Principal Service Lectionary) and the compilation of Collects and Post Communion Prayers, is copyright © The Archbishops' Council, and material from it is reproduced with permission. Bible readings from NRSV published by Mowbray and used by permission. All rights reserved. Copyright © Redemptorist Publications Wolf's Lane Chawton Hampshire GU34 3HQ. A Registered Charity limited by guarantee. Registered in England 03261721.  
[www.rpbooks.co.uk](http://www.rpbooks.co.uk) Email [rp@rpbooks.co.uk](mailto:rp@rpbooks.co.uk)

Funded by St John's Guild [www.stjohnsguild.org](http://www.stjohnsguild.org)

  
redemptorist  
publications

## COLLECT

Lord of all power and might,  
the author and giver of all good things:  
graft in our hearts the love of your name,  
increase in us true religion,  
nourish us with all goodness,  
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;  
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.

## FIRST READING Ecclesiastes 1:2. 12-14; 2:18-23

*A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes.*

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me – and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labours under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which

they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

## **PSALM** Psalm 49:1-12



**[or 49:1-9]**

**R** *Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord.*

Hear this, all you peoples;  
listen, all you that dwell in the world,  
You of low or high degree,  
both rich and poor together. **R**  
My mouth shall speak of wisdom  
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.  
I will incline my ear to a parable;  
I will unfold my riddle with the lyre. **R**

Why should I fear in evil days,  
when the malice of my foes surrounds me,  
Such as trust in their goods  
and glory in the abundance of their riches?  
For no one can indeed ransom another  
or pay to God the price of deliverance. **R**

To ransom a soul is too costly;  
there is no price one could pay for it,  
So that they might live for ever,  
and never see the grave.  
For we see that the wise die also; with the foolish and ignorant  
they perish  
and leave their riches to others. **R**

Their tomb is their home for ever,  
their dwelling through all generations,  
though they call their lands after their own names.  
Those who have honour, but lack understanding,  
are like the beasts that perish. **R**

## **SECOND READING Colossians 3:1-11**

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.*

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things – anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

## **GOSPEL Luke 12:13-21**

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.*

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And

he said to the crowd, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.”

## POST COMMUNION

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,  
ever giving himself that the world may live:  
may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and  
passion  
that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made  
perfect in his love;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

St John's Guild



Christians Supporting  
Blind People

*The Revised Common Lectionary* is copyright © the Consultation on Common Texts, 1992. *The Christian Year: Calendar, Lectionary and Collects*, 1997, which includes *The Common Worship Lectionary* (the Church of England's adaptations of the *Revised Common Lectionary*, published as the Principal Service Lectionary) and the compilation of Collects and Post Communion Prayers, is copyright © The Archbishops' Council, and material from it is reproduced with permission. Bible readings from NRSV published by Mowbray and used by permission. All rights reserved. Copyright © Redemptorist Publications Wolf's Lane Chawton Hampshire GU34 3HQ. A Registered Charity limited by guarantee. Registered in England 03261721.  
[www.rpbooks.co.uk](http://www.rpbooks.co.uk) Email [rp@rpbooks.co.uk](mailto:rp@rpbooks.co.uk)

Funded by St John's Guild [www.stjohnsguild.org](http://www.stjohnsguild.org)

  
redemptorist  
publications