

COLLECT, READINGS AND POST COMMUNION PRAYER
12th Sunday after Trinity – 4th Sept 2022

THE COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is
afraid and giving us those good things which we are
not worthy to ask but through the merits and
mediation of 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.

1st READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-end

¹⁵ See, I have set before you today life and prosperity,
death and adversity. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments
of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today,
by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and
observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances,
then you shall live and become numerous, and
the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are
entering to possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and
you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to
other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today that
you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that
you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call
heaven and earth to witness against you today that I
have set before you life and death, blessings and curses.
Choose life so that you and your descendants may
live, ²⁰ loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and
holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length
of days, so that you may live in the land that
the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to
Isaac, and to Jacob.

2nd READING: Philemon 1-21

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our
brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ² to
Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to
the church in your house:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank
my God ⁵ because I hear of your love for all the saints
and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. ⁶ I pray that the
sharing of your faith may become effective when you
perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷ I have
indeed received much joy and encouragement from your
love, because the hearts of the saints have been
refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸ For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to
command you to do your duty, ⁹ yet I would rather
appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as
an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ

Jesus. ¹⁰ I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus,
whose father I have become during my
imprisonment. ¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but
now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹² I am
sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³ I
wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of
service to me in your place during my imprisonment for
the gospel; ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your
consent, in order that your good deed might be
voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵ Perhaps this is
the reason he was separated from you for a while, so
that you might have him back for ever, ¹⁶ no longer as a
slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—
especially to me but how much more to you, both in the
flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as
you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If he has wronged you in any
way, or owes you anything, charge that to my
account. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I
will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even
your own self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, let me have this benefit
from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in
Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I am writing to
you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

THE GOSPEL: Luke 14:25-33 (*The Emmaus Story*)

²⁵ Jesus said to the disciples, 'Oh, how foolish you are,
and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets
have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the
Messiah should suffer these things and then enter
into his glory?' ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all
the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about
himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were
going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But
they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because
it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.'
So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the
table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it,
and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened,
and they recognized him; and he vanished from their
sight. ³² They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts
burning within us while he was talking to us on the
road, while he was opening the scriptures to
us?' ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to
Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their
companions gathered together.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of all mercy, in this Eucharist you have set aside
our sins and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ may
bring that healing to this broken world, in the name
of Jesus Christ our Lord.