

GRACE AT HOME

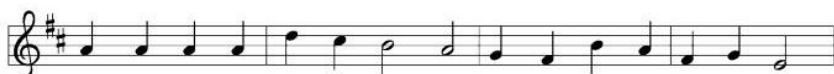


15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

"...it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones perish." – Matthew 18:14

Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.



1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his feet your trib - ute bring.
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fore - bears in dis - tress.
3 Tend - er - ly he shields and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows.
4 An - gels help us to a - dore him, who be - hold him face to face.



Ran - sored, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing.
Praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
In his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.
Sun and moon bow down be - fore him; all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly as his mer - cy flows.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

PSALM FOR THE WEEK

Psalm 32

ROMANS READING

Matthew 18:1-20

QUESTIONS TO TALK ABOUT AT HOME

1. Why did the disciples want to know who was the greatest in the Kingdom? What is Jesus' response?
2. What is it that Jesus says we must do with some of our sins?
3. Does he actually mean we should cut off hands and feet and gouge out eyes?
4. What is the process Jesus describes for being reconciled to a brother or sister who has sinned?
5. What might Jesus mean by treating them as a tax collector or sinner?
6. How does Matthew talk about these types of people in his Gospel account?

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

God of grace, through your Son you have reconciled the creation to yourself. Still, we continue to find ways to divide and destroy the unity you intend for us. Preserve your church that, assured of Christ's presence among us, we may exemplify the peace and reconciliation that can only come from you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. – Psalm 78:4

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*Classes Resume
September 13th!*

DAILY READINGS

Mon. – Lk 10:29-37; Isaiah 65
Tue. – Lk 10:38-42; Isaiah 66
Wed. – Lk 13:1-9; Romans 1:1-17
Thu. – Lk 13:10-17; Romans 1:18-32
Fri. – Lk 14:15-24; Romans 3:1-18

GOD'S WORD BY HEART

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. – John 1:1-3

CATECHISM CORNER

BAPTISM

What then is the significance of such a baptism with water?

It signifies that the old person in us with all sins and evil desires is to be drowned and die through daily sorrow for sin and through repentance, and on the other hand that daily a new person is to come forth and rise up to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

Where is this written?

St. Paul says in Romans 6, "We were buried with Christ through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life."

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