

All Age Communion Service - 14 June – COMMITMENT

Collect:

Heavenly Father, we come before You today with hearts seeking Your strength. Please grant us an unwavering commitment to the tasks You have set before us and to the promises we have made. Help us to stand firm in our faith and purpose, even when faced with trials. Fill us with Your peace and guide our steps so that our actions always reflect Your will. Strengthen our spirits to persevere with courage and hope.

First reading:

Psalm 37:3-7a

Trust the Lord and do good. Live in the land and enjoy its safety. Enjoy serving the Lord. And he will give you what you want.

Depend on the Lord. Trust him, and he will take care of you. Then your goodness will shine like the sun. Your fairness will shine like the noonday sun.

Wait and trust the Lord.

Second reading:

Romans 12:1-2

So brothers, since God has shown us great mercy, I beg you to offer your lives as a living sacrifice to him. Your offering must be only for God and pleasing to him. This is the spiritual way for you to worship.

Do not be shaped by this world. Instead be changed within by a new way of thinking. Then you will be able to decide what God wants for you. And you will be able to know what is good and pleasing to God and what is perfect.

Gospel:

Matthew 4:17-22

From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Change your hearts and lives, because the kingdom of heaven is coming soon."

Jesus was walking by Lake Galilee. He saw two brothers, Simon (called Peter) and Simon's brother Andrew.

The brothers were fishermen, and they were fishing in the lake with a net. Jesus said, "Come follow me. I will make you fishermen for men." At once Simon and Andrew left their nets and followed him.

Jesus continued walking by Lake Galilee. He saw two other brothers, James and John, the sons of Zebedee. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets to catch fish. Jesus told them to come with him. At once they left the boat and their father, and they followed Jesus.

Post-Communion

Loving God, instil in us a deeper commitment to You, and to loving and serving others. Open our eyes to see the needs around us and our hearts to respond with compassion and generosity. Help us to be an instruments of Your love, showing kindness and grace in all our dealings with the people we meet.