

All Age Communion Service 12 October 2025 – Theme - COMPASSION

Collect:

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the attitudes that harden our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion so that your will may be done on earth; and, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First reading

Psalms - 112:4-9

A light shines in the dark for honest people.
It shines for those who are good and kind and merciful.
It is good to be kind and generous. Whoever is fair in his business will never be defeated.
A good person will be remembered from now on.
He won't be afraid of bad news.
He is safe because he trusts the Lord.
That person is confident.
He will not be afraid.
He will look down on his enemies.
He gives freely to the poor.
The things he does are right and will continue forever.
He will be given great honour.

Second reading:

Colossians 3:12-17

God has chosen you and made you his holy people. He loves you.
So always do these things: Show mercy to others; be kind, humble, gentle, and patient.
Do not be angry with each other, but forgive each other. If someone does wrong to you, then forgive him.
Forgive each other because the Lord forgave you.
Do all these things; but most important, love each other. Love is what holds you all together in perfect unity.
Let the peace that Christ gives control your thinking. You were all called together in one body to have peace.
Always be thankful.
Let the teaching of Christ live in you richly.
Use all wisdom to teach and strengthen each other. Sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God.
Everything you say and everything you do should all be done for Jesus your Lord.
And in all you do, give thanks to God the Father through Jesus.

Gospel

Matthew 20:29-34

When Jesus and his followers were leaving Jericho, a great many people followed Jesus. There were two blind men sitting by the road. The blind men heard that Jesus was going by, so they shouted, "Lord, Son of David, please help us!"

All the people criticized the blind men. They told them to be quiet. But the blind men shouted more and more, "Lord, Son of David, please help us!"

Jesus stopped and said to the blind men, "What do you want me to do for you?"

They answered, "Lord, we want to be able to see."

Jesus felt compassion for the blind men. He touched their eyes, and at once they were able to see. Then the men followed Jesus.

After Communion

Heavenly Father,
grant us the wisdom and grace to cultivate hearts overflowing with kindness. May we see the beauty in every soul and choose the path of compassion over judgment.

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9 November - Theme - REMEMBRANCE**