

All Age Communion Service - 13 September – RECONCILIATION

Collect:

Heavenly Creator, in moments of misunderstanding and hurt, remind us of the power of Your grace.

Help us to approach one another with humility and openness, seeking to understand rather than to be understood. Let Your love be the foundation upon which we rebuild our relationships, fostering harmony and unity.

First reading:

Psalms 86: 1-10

Lord, listen to me
and answer me.
I am poor and helpless.
Protect me, because I worship you.
My God, save me, your servant.
I trust in you.
Lord, be merciful to me.
I have called to you all day.
Give happiness to me, your servant.
Lord, I give my life to you.
Lord, you are kind and forgiving.
You have great love for those who call to you.
Lord, hear my prayer.
Listen when I ask for mercy.
I call to you in times of trouble.
You certainly will answer me.
Lord, there is no god like you.
There are no works like yours.
Lord, all the nations you have made will come and worship you.
They will honour you.
You are great, and you do miracles.

Second reading:

2 Corinthians 5:14-6:1

The love of Christ controls us. Because we know that One died for all. So all have died. Christ died for all so that those who live would not continue to live for themselves. He died for them and was raised from death so that they would live for him. From this time on we do not think of anyone as the world does. It is true that in the past we thought of Christ as the world thinks. But we no longer think of him in that way. If anyone belongs to Christ, then he is made new. The old things have gone; everything is made new! All of this is from God. Through Christ, God made peace between us and himself. And God gave us the work of bringing everyone into peace with him. I mean that God was in Christ, making peace between the world and himself. In Christ, God did not hold the world guilty of its sins. And he gave us this message of peace. So we have been sent to speak for Christ. It is as if God is calling to you through us. We speak for Christ when we beg you to be at peace with God. Christ had no sin. But God made him become sin. God did this for us so that in Christ we could become right with God. We are workers together with God. So we beg you: Do not let the grace that you received from God be for nothing.

Gospel:

Luke 6: 27-32; 37-38

"I say to you who are listening to me, love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you. Ask God to bless those who say bad things to you. Pray for those who are cruel to you. If anyone slaps you on one cheek, let him slap the other cheek too. If someone takes your coat, do not stop him from taking your shirt. Give to everyone who asks you. When a person takes something that is yours, don't ask for it back. Do for other people what you want them to do for you. If you love only those who love you, should you get some special praise for doing that? No! Even sinners love the people who love them! "Don't judge other people, and you will not be judged. Don't accuse others of being guilty, and you will not be accused of being guilty. Forgive other people, and you will be forgiven. Give, and you will receive. You will be given much. It will be poured into your hands—more than you can hold. You will be given so much that it will spill into your lap. The way you give to others is the way God will give to you."

Post-Communion

Prince of Peace,
grant us the courage to face the past with honesty and the future with hope.
Help us to let go of grudges and to forgive one another as You have forgiven us.
May Your spirit of reconciliation dwell within us, guiding our words and actions toward healing and renewal.

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