**September 5th Trinity 14**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

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**O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES** to sing

My great Redeemer’s praise,

The glories of my God and King,

The triumphs of His grace!

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,

That bids our sorrows cease,

’Tis music in the sinner’s ears,

’Tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,

He sets the prisoner free,

His blood can make the foulest clean,

His blood availed for me.

He speaks and, listening to His voice,

New life the dead receive,

The mournful, broken hearts rejoice,

The humble poor believe.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb,

Your loosened tongues employ,

Ye blind, behold your Saviour come;

And leap, ye lame, for joy!

My gracious Master and my God,

Assist me to proclaim,

To spread through all the earth abroad

The honours of Thy name.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2e475ww32Jg>

**CONFESSION**

Jesus says, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.’ So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Lord God,**

**we have sinned against you;**

**we have done evil in your sight.**

**We are sorry and repent.**

**Have mercy on us according to your love.**

**Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.**

**Renew a right spirit within us**

**and restore us to the joy of your salvation;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies

cleanse us from our sins,

and restore us in his image

to the praise and glory of his name,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessed is the Lord,

**for he has heard the voice of our prayer;**

therefore shall our hearts dance for joy

**and in our song will we praise our God.**

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**I WILL ENTER HIS GATES** with thanksgiving in my heart,

I will enter His courts with praise;

I will say this is the day that the Lord has made,

I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

He has made me glad,

He has made me glad,

I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

He has made me glad,

He has made me glad,

I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0MIr_iec2nQ&t=50s>

**COLLECT**

Almighty God,

whose only Son has opened for us

a new and living way into your presence:

give us pure hearts and steadfast wills

to worship you in spirit and in truth;

through 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. **Amen.**

**Psalm 146**

Alleluia. Praise the Lord, O my soul:

    while I live will I praise the Lord;

as long as I have any being,

    I will sing praises to my God.

**Put not your trust in princes,**

**nor in any human power,**

**for there is no help in them.**

When their breath goes forth, they return to the earth;

on that day all their thoughts perish.

**Happy are those who have the God of Jacob for their help,**

**whose hope is in the Lord their God;**

Who made heaven and earth,

    the sea and all that is in them;

who keeps his promise for ever;

**Who gives justice to those that suffer wrong and bread to those who hunger.**

The Lord looses those that are bound;

the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;

**The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous;**

The Lord watches over the stranger in the land; he upholds the orphan and widow;

but the way of the wicked he turns upside down.

**The Lord shall reign for ever,**

**your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Alleluia.**

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;***

***As it was in the beginning, is now and shall be forever. Amen.***

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**I AM A NEW CREATION,**

No more in condemnation,

Here in the grace of God I stand.

My heart is overflowing,

My love just keeps on growing,

Here in the grace of God I stand.

And I will praise You Lord,

Yes, I will praise You Lord,

And I will sing of all that You have done.

A joy that knows no limit,

A lightness in my spirit,

Here in the grace of God I stand.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Teva2_x2aXo>

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Isaiah 35.4-7**
**4**say to those with fearful hearts,
    ‘Be strong, do not fear;
your God will come,
    he will come with vengeance;
with divine retribution
    he will come to save you.’

**5**Then will the eyes of the blind be opened
    and the ears of the deaf unstopped.
**6**Then will the lame leap like a deer,
    and the mute tongue shout for joy.
Water will gush forth in the wilderness
    and streams in the desert.
**7**The burning sand will become a pool,
    the thirsty ground bubbling springs.
In the haunts where jackals once lay,
    grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.

**NEW TESTAMENT READINGS**

**James 2.1-10, 14-17**

**2**My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favouritism. **2**Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. **3**If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, ‘Here’s a good seat for you,’ but say to the poor man, ‘You stand there’ or ‘Sit on the floor by my feet,’ **4**have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

**5**Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? **6**But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? **7**Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong?

**8**If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, ‘Love your neighbour as yourself,’ you are doing right. **9**But if you show favouritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as law-breakers. **10**For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.

**14**What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? **15**Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. **16**If one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,’ but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? **17**In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

**Mark 7.24-end**

**24**Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret. **25**In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet. **26**The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter.

**27**‘First let the children eat all they want,’ he told her, ‘for it is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.’

**28**‘Lord,’ she replied, ‘even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.’

**29**Then he told her, ‘For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter.’

**30**She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

**31**Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. **32**There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him.

**33**After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man’s ears. Then he spat and touched the man’s tongue. **34**He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, *‘Ephphatha!’* (which means ‘Be opened!’). **35**At this, the man’s ears were opened, his tongue was loosed and he began to speak plainly.

**36**Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. **37**People were overwhelmed with amazement. ‘He has done everything well,’ they said. ‘He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.’

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**MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE.**

Where there is hatred let me bring Your love;

Where there is injury, Your pardon, Lord;

And where there’s doubt, true faith in You.

*Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek*

*So much to be consoled as to console;*

*To be understood as to understand;*

*To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of Your peace.

Where there’s despair in life let me bring hope;

Where there is darkness, only light;

And where there’s sadness, ever joy.

Make me a channel of Your peace.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned**,**

In giving of ourselves that we receive,

And in dying that we’re born to eternal life.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2svZhZT6Pro>

**THE CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son,**

**our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting.** **Amen.**

**INTERCESSIONS**

For the unity of the Church in witness and proclamation of the Gospel;

**let us pray to the Lord:**

For the peace and stability of all peoples

and for the leaders of the nations;

**let us pray to the Lord:**

For places of work, education and leisure;

**let us pray to the Lord:**

For a blessing on our homes;

for our relations and friends and all whom we love; **let us pray to the Lord:**

For the sick and suffering and all who minister to their needs;

**let us pray to the Lord:**

Entrusting ourselves and all for whom we pray to the love and mercy of God:

**Merciful Father**

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who**

**trespass against us.
lead us not into temptation;**

**but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,**

**the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

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**LONGING FOR LIGHT, we wait in darkness.**Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow’r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kt3Qc04ulOM>

**BLESSING**

The peace of God,

which passes all understanding,

keep our hearts and minds

in the knowledge and love of God,

and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among us and remain with us always. Amen

**NOTICES**

**Sunday September 5th**

8am Holy Communion at St Andrew’s

9.30am Family Service in St Andrew’s

11am Family Service at St Peter’s

6pm Taize style Evening Prayer at St Andrew’s

**Monday**

9am Morning Prayer at St Andrew’s

**Tuesday**

9am Morning Prayer at St Andrew’s

9.30-11.30am Tea, Toast and Toddlers at

St Peter’s (incorporating Pram Service)

2-4pm Tuesdays at Two in St Andrew’s Hall

**Wednesday**

10am Holy Communion in St Andrew’s

**Thursday**

9am Morning Prayer at St Andrew’s

**Friday**

9am Morning Prayer at St Andrew’s

1.15pm Be Still, service at St Andrew’s

**Saturday**

9am Morning Prayer at St Peter’s

**Sunday September 12th**

8am Holy Communion at St Andrew’s

9.30am Morning Prayer in St Andrew’s

11am Holy Communion at St Peter’s

**September 19th**

We will welcome a speaker from the Christian charity TEAR Fund to our services at 9.30am and 11am.

Following the 11am service there will be a simple meal of soup and bread (about 12.30pm). Please sign up to say you would like to attend. The idea is that you give what you can for the meal and we give any profits to TEAR Fund. Offers of help to Denise Askew on 01702 293508

**Shoeboxes**: we will be collecting contributions for shoeboxes as well as filled shoeboxes for children and families in need. Please pick up an information leaflet from either of our churches. All items or filled boxes need to be brought to church by October 31st, please.

Please hold in your prayers all who are poorly and all who care for them.

God bless you, Louise. x (01702 292778)