

Sunday

29 August 2021 Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the
world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of
your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to
you;
through him who was lifted up on the
cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 4:1-2. 6-9

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses spoke to the people; he said:
So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes
and ordinances that I am teaching
you to observe, so that you may live
to enter and occupy the land that the
LORD, the God of your ancestors,
is giving you. You must neither add
anything to what I command you nor
take away anything from it, but keep
the commandments of the LORD your
God with which I am charging you. You
must observe them diligently, for this
will show your wisdom and discernment
to the peoples, who, when they hear
all these statutes, will say, "Surely this
great nation is a wise and discerning
people!" For what other great nation
has a god so near to it as the LORD our
God is whenever we call to him? And
what other great nation has statutes
and ordinances as just as this entire law
that I am setting before you today? But
take care and watch yourselves closely,
so as neither to forget the things that
your eyes have seen nor to let them slip
from your mind all the days of your life;
make them known to your children and
your children's children.

PSALM Psalm 15

R *Through the greatness of your
mercy, I will come into your house.*

Lord, who may dwell in your
tabernacle?
Who may rest upon your holy hill?

Whoever leads an uncorrupt life
and does the thing that is right; **R**

Who speaks the truth from the heart
and bears no deceit on the tongue;
Who does no evil to a friend
and pours no scorn on a neighbour; **R**

In whose sight the wicked are not
esteemed,
but who honours those who fear the
Lord.

Whoever has sworn to a neighbour
and never goes back on that word; **R**

Who does not lend money in hope of
gain,
nor takes a bribe against the innocent;
Whoever does these things
shall never fall. **R**

SECOND READING James 1:17-end

A reading from the letter of James.

Every generous act of giving, with every
perfect gift, is from above, coming
down from the Father of lights, with
whom there is no variation or shadow
due to change. In fulfilment of his own
purpose he gave us birth by the word
of truth, so that we would become a
kind of first fruits of his creatures. You
must understand this, my beloved: let
everyone be quick to listen, slow to
speak, slow to anger; for your anger
does not produce God's righteousness.
Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness
and rank growth of wickedness, and
welcome with meekness the implanted
word that has the power to save your
souls. But be doers of the word, and not
merely hearers who deceive themselves.
For if any are hearers of the word and
not doers, they are like those who look
at themselves in a mirror; for they look
at themselves and, on going away,
immediately forget what they were like.
But those who look into the perfect law,
the law of liberty, and persevere, being
not hearers who forget but doers who
act – they will be blessed in their doing.
If any think they are religious, and do
not bridle their tongues but deceive
their hearts, their religion is worthless.
Religion that is pure and undefiled
before God, the Father, is this: to care
for orphans and widows in their distress,

and to keep oneself unstained by the
world.

GOSPEL Mark 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Mark.*

When the Pharisees and some of the
scribes who had come from Jerusalem
gathered around Jesus, they noticed
that some of his disciples were eating
with defiled hands, that is, without
washing them. (For the Pharisees, and
all the Jews, do not eat unless they
thoroughly wash their hands, thus
observing the tradition of the elders;
and they do not eat anything from the
market unless they wash it; and there
are also many other traditions that they
observe, the washing of cups, pots,
and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees
and the scribes asked him, "Why do
your disciples not live according to
the tradition of the elders, but eat
with defiled hands?" Jesus said to
them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about
you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This
people honours me with their lips, but
their hearts are far from me; in vain
do they worship me, teaching human
precepts as doctrines.' You abandon
the commandment of God and hold to
human tradition." Then he called the
crowd again and said to them, "Listen
to me, all of you, and understand:
there is nothing outside a person that
by going in can defile, but the things
that come out are what defile. For it is
from within, from the human heart, that
evil intentions come: fornication, theft,
murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness,
deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander,
pride, folly. All these evil things come
from within, and they defile a person."

POST COMMUNION

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true
manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through
our earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place where
hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

