**Morning Prayer on the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**Sunday 1st September 2024 service at 9.30. Call in from 9.15.**

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**Preparation**

In the name of the living God,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*All* **Amen.**

 O Lord, open our lips

*All* **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Blessed are you, creator of all,

to you be praise and glory for ever.

As your dawn renews the face of the earth,

bringing light and life to all creation,

may we rejoice in this day you have made;

as we wake refreshed from the depths of sleep,

open our eyes to behold your presence

and strengthen our hands to do your will,

that the world may rejoice and give you praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*All* **Blessed be God for ever.**

 The night has passed, and the day lies open before us.

Let us pray with one heart and mind.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,

so may the light of your presence, O God,

set our hearts on fire with love for you;

now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

**The Word of God**

*First reading:* James 1: 17-27

**17**Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. **18**He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first fruits of all he created.

**19**My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, **20**because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. **21**Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

**22**Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. **23**Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror **24**and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. **25**But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

**26**Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. **27**Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God**

Psalmody: Psalm 15

**Through the greatness of your mercy,**

**I will come into your house.**

1    Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may rest upon your holy hill?

2    Whoever leads an uncorrupt life

and does the thing that is right;

3    Who speaks the truth from the heart

and bears no deceit on the tongue;

4    Who does no evil to a friend

and pours no scorn on a neighbour;

5    In whose sight the wicked are not esteemed,

but who honours those who fear the Lord.

6    Whoever has sworn to a neighbour

and never goes back on that word;

7    Who does not lend money in hope of gain,

nor takes a bribe against the innocent;

8    Whoever does these things

shall never fall.

**Through the greatness of your mercy,**

**I will come into your house.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

*All* **As it was in the beginning, is now**

**and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Lord, lead us to our heavenly home

by single steps of self-restraint

and deeds of righteousness;

through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Second reading:* Mark 7: 1-8. 14-15, 21-23

**7**The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus **2**and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. **3**(The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. **4**When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.)

**5**So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, “Why don’t your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?”

**6**He replied, “Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written:

“‘These people honour me with their lips,
    but their hearts are far from me.
**7**They worship me in vain;
    their teachings are merely human rules.’

**8**You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.”

**14**Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. **15**Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them.”

**21**For it is from within, out of a person’s heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, **22**adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. **23**All these evils come from inside and defile a person.”

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God**

*We pause to reflect on the readings before turning to prayer.*

**Intercessions**

Lord Jesus, you taught your disciples to pray.

Hear us now as we bring to you

the needs of your church and your world.

Lord, hear us.

*All* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Bless, Lord, the poor in spirit,

that the kingdom of heaven may be theirs.

Lord, hear us.

*All* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Bless, Lord, those who mourn,

that they may know your comfort.

Lord, hear us.

*All* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Bless, Lord, the meek,

that they may inherit the earth.

Lord, hear us.

*All* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Bless, Lord, those who hunger and thirst

for righteousness, that they may be filled.

Lord, hear us.

*All* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Bless, Lord, the merciful,

that they may receive mercy.

Lord, hear us.

*All* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Bless, Lord, the pure in heart,

that they may see God.

Lord, hear us.

*All* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Bless, Lord, the peacemakers,

that they may be called children of God.

Lord, hear us.

*All* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Bless, Lord, those who are persecuted

for righteousness’ sake,

that theirs may be the kingdom of heaven.

Lord, hear us.

*All* **Lord, graciously hear us.**



*Collect for the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity*

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.

*All* **Amen.**

*The Lord’s Prayer*

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

*All* **Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power**

**and the glory are yours**

**now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

*Blessing*

The Lord bless you and keep you;

the Lord make his face to shine upon you,

and be gracious to you;

the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,

and give you peace.

And the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among us and remain with us

and those whom we love and pray for

today and always.

*All* **Amen.**

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Thurs 10th October - Calverleigh Court

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