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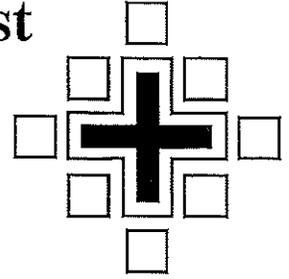
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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 2023



INTROIT *Ps. 37:5–7; antiphon: Ps. 37:4*

Delight yourself | in the LORD,*
and he will give you the desires | of your heart.
Commit your way | to the LORD;*
trust in him, and | he will act.
He will bring forth your righteousness | as the light,*
and your justice as the | noonday.
Be still before the LORD and wait patiently | for him;*
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries
out evil de- | vices!
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | **Amen.**
Delight yourself | in the LORD,*
and he will give you the desires | of your heart.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GRADUAL *Ps. 34:9, 19, alt.*

Fear the LORD, | you his saints,*
for those who fear him lack | nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*
but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

DAILY READINGS

September 3: 1 Kings 19:1–21; Eph. 3:1–21; 4: 2 Kings 2:1–18; Eph. 4:1–24; 5: 2 Kings 2:19–25; 4:1–7; Eph. 4:25–5:14; 6: 2 Kings 4:8–22, 32–37; Eph. 5:15–33; 7: 2 Kings 4:38–5:8; Eph. 6:1–24; 8: 2 Kings 5:9–27; Phil. 1:1–20; 9: 2 Kings 6:1–23; Phil. 1:21–2:11.

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Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 15:15–21

- ¹⁵ O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and take vengeance for me on my
persecutors.
In your forbearance take me not away;
know that for your sake I bear
reproach.
- ¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.
- ¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of revelers,
nor did I rejoice;
I sat alone, because your hand was upon
me,
for you had filled me with indignation.
- ¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Will you be to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail?
- ¹⁹ Therefore thus says the LORD:
“If you return, I will restore you,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not
what is worthless,
you shall be as my mouth.
They shall turn to you,
but you shall not turn to them.
- ²⁰ And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
declares the LORD.
- ²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the
wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the
ruthless.”

Epistle: Romans 12:9–21

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil;
hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another
with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in
showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be
fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in
hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in
prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints
and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and
do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who
rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live
in harmony with one another. Do not be
haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never
be conceited. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but
give thought to do what is honorable in the
sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on
you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never
avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of
God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I
will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰To the contrary, “if
your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty,
give him something to drink; for by so doing
you will heap burning coals on his head.” ²¹Do
not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil
with good.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:21–28

²¹From that time Jesus began to show his
disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and
suffer many things from the elders and chief
priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the
third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside
and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it
from you, Lord! This shall never happen to
you.” ²³But he turned and said to Peter, “Get
behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me.
For you are not setting your mind on the things
of God, but on the things of man.”

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone
would come after me, let him deny himself and
take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For who-
ever would save his life will lose it, but who-
ever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For
what will it profit a man if he gains the whole
world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man
give in return for his life? ²⁷For the Son of Man
is going to come with his angels in the glory of
his Father, and then he will repay each person
according to what he has done. ²⁸Truly, I say to
you, there are some standing here who will not
taste death until they see the Son of Man com-
ing in his kingdom.”