

Today's Readings
10th September
2023

14th Sunday
after Trinity

THE COLLECT

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the
cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the
righteousness
that is ours through Jesus
Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 33.7-11

So you, mortal, I have
made a sentinel for the
house of Israel; whenever
you hear a word from my
mouth, you shall give them
warning from me. ⁸ If I say
to the wicked, 'O wicked
ones, you shall surely die',
and you do not speak to
warn the wicked to turn
from their ways, the wicked
shall die in their iniquity, but
their blood I will require at
your hand. ⁹ But if you
warn the wicked to turn

from their ways, and they
do not turn from their ways,
the wicked shall die in their
iniquity, but you will have
saved your life. ¹⁰ Now you,
mortal, say to the house of
Israel, Thus you have said:
'Our transgressions and
our sins weigh upon us,
and we waste away
because of them; how then
can we live?' ¹¹ Say to
them, As I live, says the
Lord God, I have no
pleasure in the death of the
wicked, but that the wicked
turn from their ways and
live; turn back, turn back
from your evil ways; for
why will you die, O house
of Israel?

SECOND READING

Romans 13.8-14

Owe no one anything,
except to love one another;
for the one who loves
another has fulfilled the
law. ⁹ The commandments,
'You shall not commit
adultery; You shall not
murder; You shall not steal;
You shall not covet'; and
any other commandment,
are summed up in this

word, 'Love your neighbour
as yourself.' ¹⁰ Love does
no wrong to a neighbour;
therefore, love is the
fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this, you know
what time it is, how it is
now the moment for you to
wake from sleep. For
salvation is nearer to us
now than when we became
believers; ¹² the night is far
gone, the day is near. Let
us then lay aside the works
of darkness and put on the
armour of light; ¹³ let us live
honourably as in the day,
not in revelling and
drunkenness, not in
debauchery and
licentiousness, not in
quarrelling and jealousy.
¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord
Jesus Christ, and make no
provision for the flesh, to
gratify its desires.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 18.15-20

If another member of the
church sins against you, go
and point out the fault when
the two of you are alone. If
the member listens to you,
you have regained that

one. ¹⁶ But if you are not
listened to, take one or two
others along with you, so
that every word may be
confirmed by the evidence
of two or three witnesses.
¹⁷ If the member refuses to
listen to them, tell it to the
church; and if the offender
refuses to listen even to the
church, let such a one be to
you as a Gentile and a tax-
collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you,
whatever you bind on earth
will be bound in heaven,
and whatever you loose on
earth will be loosed in
heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell
you, if two of you agree on
earth about anything you
ask, it will be done for you
by my Father in heaven.
²⁰ For where two or three
are gathered in my name, I
am there among them.'

**POST COMMUNION
PRAYER**

Lord God, the source of
truth and love,
keep us faithful to the
apostles' teaching and
fellowship,
united in prayer and the
breaking of bread,

and one in joy and
simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

PSALM 119.33-40

³³ Teach me, O Lord, the
way of your statutes,
and I will observe it to
the end.
³⁴ Give me understanding,
that I may keep your law
and observe it with my
whole heart.
³⁵ Lead me in the path of
your commandments,
for I delight in it.
³⁶ Turn my heart to your
decrees,
and not to selfish gain.
³⁷ Turn my eyes from
looking at vanities;
give me life in your ways.
³⁸ Confirm to your servant
your promise,
which is for those who
fear you.
³⁹ Turn away the disgrace
that I dread,
for your ordinances are
good.
⁴⁰ See, I have longed for
your precepts;
in your righteousness
give me life.