

**Today's Readings**  
**18<sup>th</sup> June 2023**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after**  
**Trinity**

**THE COLLECT**

Faithful Creator,  
whose mercy never fails:  
deepen our faithfulness to  
you and to your living Word,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**FIRST READING**

**Exodus 19.2-8a**

They had journeyed from  
Rephidim, entered the  
wilderness of Sinai, and  
camped in the wilderness;  
Israel camped there in front  
of the mountain. <sup>3</sup> Then  
Moses went up to God; the  
LORD called to him from the  
mountain, saying, 'Thus you  
shall say to the house of  
Jacob, and tell the Israelites:  
<sup>4</sup> You have seen what I did  
to the Egyptians, and how I  
bore you on eagles' wings  
and brought you to myself.  
<sup>5</sup> Now therefore, if you obey  
my voice and keep my  
covenant, you shall be my  
treasured possession out of  
all the peoples. Indeed, the  
whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup> but  
you shall be for me a priestly

kingdom and a holy nation.  
These are the words that  
you shall speak to the  
Israelites.' <sup>7</sup> So Moses  
came, summoned the elders  
of the people, and set before  
them all these words that  
the LORD had commanded  
him. <sup>8</sup> The people all  
answered as one:  
'Everything that the LORD  
has spoken we will do.'

**SECOND READING**

**Romans 5.1-8**

Therefore, since we are  
justified by faith, we have  
peace with God through our  
Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through  
whom we have obtained  
access to this grace in which  
we stand; and we boast in  
our hope of sharing the glory  
of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that,  
but we also boast in our  
sufferings, knowing that  
suffering produces  
endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance  
produces character, and  
character produces hope,  
<sup>5</sup> and hope does not  
disappoint us, because  
God's love has been poured  
into our hearts through the  
Holy Spirit that has been  
given to us. <sup>6</sup> For while we  
were still weak, at the right

time Christ died for the  
ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Indeed, rarely will  
anyone die for a righteous  
person—though perhaps for  
a good person someone  
might actually dare to die.  
<sup>8</sup> But God proves his love for  
us in that while we still were  
sinners Christ died for us.

**THE GOSPEL**

**Matthew 9.35 - 10.8**

Then Jesus went about all  
the cities and villages,  
teaching in their  
synagogues, and  
proclaiming the good news  
of the kingdom, and curing  
every disease and every  
sickness. <sup>36</sup> When he saw  
the crowds, he had  
compassion for them,  
because they were harassed  
and helpless, like sheep  
without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then  
he said to his disciples, 'The  
harvest is plentiful, but the  
labourers are few; <sup>38</sup>  
therefore ask the Lord of the  
harvest to send out  
labourers into his harvest.'  
**10** Then Jesus summoned  
his twelve disciples and  
gave them authority over  
unclean spirits, to cast them  
out, and to cure every  
disease and every

sickness. <sup>2</sup> These are the  
names of the twelve  
apostles: first, Simon, also  
known as Peter, and his  
brother Andrew; James son  
of Zebedee, and his brother  
John; <sup>3</sup> Philip and  
Bartholomew; Thomas and  
Matthew the tax-collector;  
James son of Alphaeus, and  
Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the  
Cananaean, and Judas  
Iscariot, the one who  
betrayed him. <sup>5</sup> These  
twelve Jesus sent out with  
the following instructions:  
'Go nowhere among the  
Gentiles, and enter no town  
of the Samaritans, <sup>6</sup> but go  
rather to the lost sheep of  
the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup> As you  
go, proclaim the good news,  
"The kingdom of heaven has  
come near." <sup>8</sup> Cure the sick,  
raise the dead, cleanse the  
lepers, cast out demons.  
You received without  
payment; give without  
payment.

**POST COMMUNION**  
**PRAYER**

Loving Father,  
we thank you for feeding us  
at the supper of your Son:  
sustain us with your Spirit,

that we may serve you here  
on earth  
until our joy is complete in  
heaven,  
and we share in the eternal  
banquet  
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

**PSALM 100**

<sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to  
the LORD, all the earth.  
<sup>2</sup> Worship the LORD with  
gladness;  
come into his presence  
with singing.  
<sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD is  
God.  
It is he that made us, and  
we are his;<sup>[a]</sup>  
we are his people, and  
the sheep of his pasture.  
<sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with  
thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise.  
Give thanks to him, bless  
his name.  
<sup>5</sup> For the LORD is good;  
his steadfast love endures  
for ever,  
and his faithfulness to all  
generations.