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SUNDAY 3 JULY 2022

14TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

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Sit quietly for a moment and enjoy the peace.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.



We say these words or sing a hymn as the priest approaches the altar.

COLLECT

O God, who in the abasement of your Son
have raised up a fallen world,
fill your faithful with holy joy,
for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin
you bestow eternal gladness...



We ask for God's help. Listen now to the priest as he offers this prayer.



FIRST READING ISAIAH 66:10-14

We can see just how much a little baby is loved when we see her being cuddled as she is fed, playing on her mum's knee. Isaiah says that God loves us even more than the mother loves her baby! The city of Jerusalem has been destroyed, but because God loves everyone so much he is going to rebuild it. To replace the destruction God will send peace, flowing like a river. God comforts us, in the same way a mother comforts her son.



LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. God is going to look after the people and rebuild the city of Jerusalem.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 65

Cry out with joy to God all the earth.



The cantor or psalmist sings or says the psalm. Listen to the verses, and then respond by using these words.



SECOND READING GALATIANS 6:14-18

The first Christians were unsure – did people need to become Jewish first if they wanted to be a Christian, or not? Paul was absolutely certain that it wasn't necessary to become Jewish to follow Jesus, even though Jesus himself was Jewish. Paul knows what he is talking about. He has suffered for Jesus and so we can trust his wisdom. The only thing that matters is having a new start with Jesus and living as he asks. There is nothing else to be said.



LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. Becoming a new person in Jesus is all that really matters.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!



We give a shout of praise to God, using these words taken from the Bible.



DO YOU KNOW?

Jesus sends his friends out in pairs to spread his message. Two people can travel more safely than one in dangerous countryside. Missionaries today often travel in unsafe places to spread Jesus' good news.



THINK

Jesus' seventy-two followers gave a blessing of peace to the people they visited. Peace comes from God and it is part of our mission as followers of Jesus to share God's peace. Can we spread peace today by speaking kindly to our family and friends? How will our actions bring peace to the world?



The Good News about Jesus is told to us by St Luke.

Jesus appoints seventy-two of his followers to go ahead, visiting towns and villages before Jesus himself, preparing his way. These apostles will trust God to provide for them. They are to carry no purse, haversack or sandals. They are to accept food and drink from anyone who offers them a welcome,

giving a blessing of peace. In return, the apostles will heal people who are sick and let them know that God's kingdom is very near. The seventy-two come back full of joy and happiness – they can hardly believe the wonderful things that have happened because of people's faith in Jesus!

STAND to LISTEN to the priest or deacon as he prepares to read the Gospel.

Before he reads the Gospel, what does the priest or deacon do to his forehead, his lips and his heart? Can you copy him?



PRAY

"Peace to this house!"

Be still. Relax your head, arms and legs. Breathe gently and remember Jesus is with you. Enjoy God's peace.



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I would like to pray for missionaries who are working to spread the Good News today. Help us all to share Jesus' message of love wherever we travel. Lord, hear my prayer.

Listen to the reader as he or she encourages us to pray for situations and people in need. This is a prayer you could say privately.



OFFERTORY PROCESSION

As we take our gifts of bread, wine and money to the altar, think about a time when you argued or fell out with someone this week and then think about when you made friends again or a time you enjoyed getting on well with your family. Say a little prayer offering these thoughts up to God.

Watch as the gifts are made ready and the priest washes his hands and prepares for the Eucharistic Prayer.



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Today's special prayer thanks God for fulfilling all God's promises to us.

What can you give special thanks for today?

We listen to the prayer of praise and thanks to God.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

As the priest extends his hands, we say the prayer that Jesus taught us.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

You are invited to sing a Communion song or say this verse, which has been especially chosen for today's celebration.



MY PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, Jesus, for suffering and dying for me. Help me to remember that you are with me in my pain, and that you bring hope and happiness too. Amen.



IXΘΥΣ

is the Greek word for "fish" and was used in the catacombs as a sign for early Christians. It is made up from the first letter of five Greek titles for the Lord:

- I (Jesus)
- X (Christos)
- Θ (Theou/God's)
- Υ (Uios/Son)
- Σ (Soter/Saviour)



We take Jesus with us to carry on the work that he did on earth, until we meet again next Sunday.

Go in peace.



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