

Lectionary Readings and Prayers of the People
14th Sunday after Pentecost
August 30, 2026

A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah [15:15-21]

O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.

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.

I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.

Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the LORD:

If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.

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,

says the LORD.

I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans [12:9-21]

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and the world, saying “Kyrie eleison.”
Heavenly Father, we ask your blessing upon the Universal Church,
its members and our mission in the world; we pray for this
congregation, for our parish clergy, for our bishop, Kara, and for
Sean, our Presiding Bishop.

Kyrie eleison.

God of wisdom and truth, guide our nation and the decision-making
of those whose authority governs her future; bless all communities
throughout the world with wise and reflective leaders; we pray for
Donald, our President, Kathy, our Governor, and Malik, our Mayor.

Kyrie eleison.

God of all creation, guarding the welfare of our world and your entire creation, nourish us in all manner of goodness, giving us the benefit of loving one another.

Kyrie eleison.

Loving God, bless this community, our goals, and our desire to reach out to others in need of your grace.

Kyrie eleison.

Merciful God, alleviate the suffering of all in your divine care; we pray for those affected by natural disasters and inclement weather, for those who are sick, those who suffer, those who are impoverished or hungry, those oppressed and those in despair, especially all who are exposed to violence, insult and rejection.

Kyrie eleison.

Father of all, welcoming the souls of the departed and comforting those who mourn their loss, keep us in your steadfast care.

Kyrie eleison.

Gracious God, help us to become reflections of Christ's most holy life, enabling us to live according to your will. **Amen**

Let us remember those on our parish prayer list:

Please pray for: we pray for the repose of the soul of David Anderson, for Ruth Anderson and family, for Janet Gates, Bertha Simpkins, Glenn Buie, Saundra Cordingley, Dennis Wienk, John Rutkowski, Orion Nico, Susan Wallace, Sharon Nelson, Fred Porter & Carlyne Garman, and Moses Gilbert.

Please pray for: Shay and family, Delores Bustamante Romero, The Rev. Marlowe Washington, Joseph Johnson, III, Dana Barber, Shewit, Alex Harvey, Gracie Wilkenson, Ray Garman and his father, and for those with long-term illnesses and challenges.

Let us pray for those in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for: Episcopal SeniorLife Communities – Rockwood Ctr.;

The Chapel of the Good Shepherd; The College for Congregational Development; The Rev. Cameron Miller; for our courts, judges, and lawyers; and for the Church in the Province of the West Indies.

Parish Birthdays: Stella Duffy (5), Bruce Colburn (6), Dave Young (6), Lynnette Robinson Green (12), Mary Kane (17), Peter Young (25), Jeaninne Scott-Lamb (28)

Parish Wedding Anniversaries: Aaron & Jessica Kane (9), Peter and Debra Blaszkow (16)