

Sunday, August 30th, 2026
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Green)

First Reading

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS (3:1-15)

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26, 45C

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him, and speak of all his marvellous works.

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Search for the Lord and his strength; continually seek his face.

Remember the marvels he has done, his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,
O offspring of Abraham his servant, O children of Jacob his chosen.
Israel came into Egypt, and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.
The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful; he made them stronger than their enemies;
Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, and dealt unjustly with his servants.
He sent Moses his servant, and Aaron whom he had chosen.
Hallelujah!

Second Reading

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 honour. 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.

Gospel

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (16:21-28)

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell

you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Hymns

Open: CP 450 **You Call Us Lord to Be**

Tune: Rhosymedre J.D. Edwards Text: J.M. Marshall (c) 1992 Hope Publishing

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You call us, Lord, to be
a people set apart,
to feel with thoughtful mind
and think with tender heart.

Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.

You call us, Lord, to be
good stewards of the earth;
to tend to it as a place
of blessedness and worth.

Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.

You call us, Lord, to care
for self and neighbour too,
to take the risk, and dare
to show what love can do.

Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.

You call us, Lord, to serve:
to die that we may live,
to know we best receive
when joyfully we give.

Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.

Gradual: They'll Know We are Christians

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We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord (x2)
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored
And they'll know we are Christians
By our love, by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand (x2)
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land
And they'll know we are Christians
By our love, by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love

--- gospel -----

We will work with each other, we will work side by side (x2)
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride
And they'll know we are Christians
By our love, by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love

All praise to the Father from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one
And they'll know we are Christians
By our love, by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love

Offertory: SANC 160 Spirit Open My Heart

Tune: Wild Mountain Thyme Text: Ruth C. Duck (c)1996 The Pilgrim Press
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Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living,
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.
God, replace my stony heart
with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
to your grace I now surrender.

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living,
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.
Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed,
may my living bring you glory.

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living,
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.

May I weep with those who weep;
share the joy of friend and neighbor.
As I live from day to day,
love will be my finest labor.

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living,
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.

Communion music:

Mass of Creation - M. Haugen (c) 1984,1985 GIA Publications
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Holy, Holy Holy :
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power, God of might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Lamb of God :
Jesus Lamb of God; you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Jesus Lamb of God; you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Jesus Lamb of God; you take away the sin of the world,
grant us your peace

Close: Make Me A Channel of your Peace

Tune : S. Temple (c) 1967 OCP Publications Text: attr. St. Francis of Assisi
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Make me a channel of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me bring your
love;
where there is injury, your healing power,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace:
where there's despair in life let me bring
hope;
where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

O, Spirit, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace:
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.