



Resources & Reflections Week of August 16th

UNDERGIRDING US

"In communion with Jesus Christ, Christians can find healing of life's fragmentation, such that their lives become more nearly meaningful wholes. In communion with Jesus Christ, Christians can begin to live their lives with, from and toward God, such that life's fleetingness is no longer a burden or a terror."

William Placher

"It is not physical beauty nor temporal glory nor the brightness of light dear to earthly eyes, nor the sweet melodies of all kinds of songs, nor the gentle odor of flowers, and ointments and perfumes, nor manna or honey, nor limbs welcoming the embraces of the flesh; it is not these I love when I love my God.

"Yet there is a light I love, and a food, and a kind of embrace when I love my God — a light, voice, odor, food, embrace of my innerness, where my soul is floodlit by light which space cannot contain, where there is sound that time cannot seize, where there is a perfume which no breeze disperses, where there is a taste for food no amount of eating can lessen, and where there is a bond of union that no satiety can part. That is what I love when I love my God."

St Augustine,

TWO PRAYERS

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise
for all that you have done for us.

We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation,
for the beauty of this world,
for the wonder of life,
and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends,
and for loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks
which demand our best efforts,
and for leading us to accomplishments
which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for disappointments and failures
that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ;
for the truth of his Word and the example of his life;
for his steadfast obedience in the face of temptation;
for his dying, through which he overcame death;
and for his rising to life again,
in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit,
that we may know him and make him known;
and through him, at all times and in all places,
may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light,
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me on.



A WEEK OF SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday - 11th Sunday after Pentecost August 16th

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 133
An Epistle Reading: Romans 11:1-2, 29-32
The Gospel Reading: Matthew 15:10-28

Monday - August 17

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 135
The Gospel Reading: Mark 11:12-26

Tuesday - August 18

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 123
The Gospel Reading: Mark 11:27 - 12:12

Wednesday - August 19

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 15
The Gospel Reading: Mark 12:13-27

Thursday - August 20

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 36
The Gospel Reading: Mark 12:28-34

Friday - August 21

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 130
The Gospel Reading: Mark 12:35-44

Saturday - August 22

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 56
The Gospel Reading: Mark 13:1-13

Sunday - 11th Sunday after Pentecost August 23rd

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 124
An Epistle Reading: Romans 12:1-8
The Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:13-20



*If the mail is slow,
We provide you with a
Sunday start on the new week.*

"A HYMN OF COMFORT & CARE"

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways!
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise.

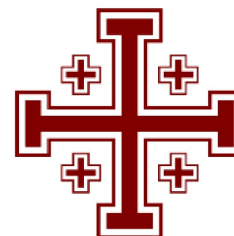
In simple trust like theirs who heard
Beside the Syrian sea
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word,
Rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee
The silence of eternity
Interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm!

"The Brewing of Soma"
John Greenleaf Whittier
1807-1892)



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