

## 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity (Year C) 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025

### Collect

God of constant mercy,  
who sent your Son to save us:  
remind us of your goodness,  
increase your grace within us,  
that our thankfulness may grow,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Psalm 139: 1-5, 12-18

1 O Lord, you have searched me out and known me;  
you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my  
thoughts from afar.  
2 You mark out my journeys and my resting place and are  
acquainted with all my ways.  
3 For there is not a word on my tongue, but you, O Lord,  
know it altogether.  
4 You encompass me behind and before and lay your hand  
upon me.  
5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, so high that I  
cannot attain it.  
12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me  
together in my mother's womb.  
13 I thank you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
marvellous are your works, my soul knows well.  
14 My frame was not hidden from you, when I was made in  
secret and woven in the depths of the earth.  
15 Your eyes beheld my form, as yet unfinished; already in  
your book were all my members written,  
16 As day by day they were fashioned when as yet there was  
none of them.  
17 How deep are your counsels to me, O God! How great is  
the sum of them!  
18 If I count them, they are more in number than the sand,  
and at the end, I am still in your presence.

### Jeremiah 18: 1-11 *The Potter and the Clay*

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord:<sup>2</sup> 'Come, go  
down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my  
words.' <sup>3</sup> So I went down to the potter's house, and there he  
was working at his wheel. <sup>4</sup> The vessel he was making of clay  
was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into  
another vessel, as seemed good to him.

<sup>5</sup> Then the word of the Lord came to me: <sup>6</sup> Can I not do with  
you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the  
Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my  
hand, O house of Israel. <sup>7</sup> At one moment I may declare  
concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and  
break down and destroy it, <sup>8</sup> but if that nation, concerning  
which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my  
mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. <sup>9</sup> And  
at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a  
kingdom that I will build and plant it, <sup>10</sup> but if it does evil in  
my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my  
mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. <sup>11</sup> Now,  
therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of  
Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping  
evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now,  
all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and  
your doings.

### Philemon 1

<sup>1</sup> Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker,<sup>2</sup> to Apphia our  
sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in  
your house:  
<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord  
Jesus Christ.  
<sup>4</sup> When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my  
God <sup>5</sup> because I hear of your love for all the saints and your  
faith towards the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup> I pray that the sharing of your  
faith may become effective when you perceive all the good  
that we may do for Christ. <sup>7</sup> I have indeed received much joy  
and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of  
the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.  
<sup>8</sup> For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to  
command you to do your duty, <sup>9</sup> yet I would rather appeal  
to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old  
man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. <sup>10</sup> I am  
appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I  
have become during my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup> Formerly he was  
useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and  
to me. <sup>12</sup> I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to  
you. <sup>13</sup> I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of  
service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the  
gospel; <sup>14</sup> but I preferred to do nothing without your

consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary  
and not something forced. <sup>15</sup> Perhaps this is the reason he  
was separated from you for a while, so that you might have  
him back for ever, <sup>16</sup> no longer as a slave but as more than a  
slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much  
more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup> So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you  
would welcome me. <sup>18</sup> If he has wronged you in any way, or  
owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup> I, Paul, am  
writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing  
about your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup> Yes, brother, let  
me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart  
in Christ. <sup>21</sup> Confident of your obedience, I am writing to  
you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

<sup>22</sup> One thing more—prepare a guest room for me, for I am  
hoping through your prayers to be restored to you.

<sup>23</sup> Epaphras, my fellow-prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends  
greetings to you, <sup>24</sup> and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and  
Luke, my fellow-workers.

<sup>25</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

### Luke 14: 25-33

<sup>25</sup> Now large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he  
turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup> 'Whoever comes to me and does  
not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and  
sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple.  
<sup>27</sup> Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot  
be my disciple. <sup>28</sup> For which of you, intending to build a  
tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see  
whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup> Otherwise, when  
he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see  
it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup> saying, "This fellow began to  
build and was not able to finish. <sup>31</sup> Or what king, going out  
to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and  
consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose  
the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> If  
he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a  
delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> So therefore,  
none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up  
all your possessions.