

27 June 2021 - Fourth Sunday after Trinity

The Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;
that with you as our ruler and guide
we may so pass through things temporal
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading

Wisdom of Solomon 1.13-15; 2.23-24

because God did not make death,
and he does not delight in the death of the living.
For he created all things so that they might exist;
the generative forces of the world are wholesome,
and there is no destructive poison in them,
and the dominion of Hades is not on earth.
For righteousness is immortal.
for God created us for incorruption,
and made us in the image of his own eternity,
but through the devil's envy death entered the world,
and those who belong to his company experience it.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 8.7-15

You excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge,
in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you – so we want
you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the
genuineness of your love against the earnestness of
others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus
Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he
became poor, so that by his poverty you might become
rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is
appropriate for you who began last year not only to do
something but even to desire to do something – now
finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by
completing it according to your means. For if the
eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to
what one has – not according to what one does not have.
I do not mean that there should be relief for others and
pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance
between your present abundance and their need, so that
their abundance may be for your need, in order that there
may be a fair balance. As it is written,

'The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little.'

Gospel

Mark 5.21-43

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other
side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by
the lake. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue
named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet
and begged him repeatedly, 'My little daughter is at the
point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that
she may be made well, and live.' So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him.
Now there was a woman who had been suffering from
haemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much
under many physicians, and had spent all that she had;
and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had
heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd
and touched his cloak, for she said, 'If I but touch his
clothes, I will be made well.' Immediately her
haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she
was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power
had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd
and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' And his disciples
said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how
can you say, "Who touched me?"' He looked all around to
see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had
happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down
before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her,
'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and
be healed of your disease.'

While he was still speaking, some people came from the
leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead. Why
trouble the teacher any further?' But overhearing what
they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, 'Do
not fear, only believe.' He allowed no one to follow him
except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James.
When they came to the house of the leader of the
synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and
wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them,
'Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is
not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. Then he
put them all outside, and took the child's father and
mother and those who were with him, and went in where
the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her,
'Talitha cum,' which means, 'Little girl, get up!' And
immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she
was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with
amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should
know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God,
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,
that all the world may acknowledge
the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.