

Fourteenth Week after Pentecost

10th September 2020

THE COLLECT

Almighty and eternal God,
make us grow in faith, hope and
charity:
and that we may be worthy of your
promises,
cause us to love what you command;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.
Amen.

FIRST READING

1 Cor 8.1-7, 11-end

Now concerning food sacrificed to
idols: we know that ‘all of us possess
knowledge.’ Knowledge puffs up, but
love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to
know something does not yet have
the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone
who loves God is known by him.

⁴Hence, as to the eating of food
offered to idols, we know that ‘no idol
in the world really exists’, and that
‘there is no God but one.’ ⁵Indeed,
even though there may be so-called
gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact
there are many gods and many
lords—⁶yet for us there is one God,
the Father, from whom are all things
and for whom we exist, and one Lord,
Jesus Christ, through whom are all

things and through whom we exist.

⁷It is not everyone, however, who has
this knowledge. Since some have
become so accustomed to idols until
now, they still think of the food they
eat as food offered to an idol; and
their conscience, being weak, is
defiled. ¹¹So by your knowledge those
weak believers for whom Christ died
are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus
sin against members of your family,
and wound their conscience when it
is weak, you sin against Christ.
¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their
falling, I will never eat meat, so that I
may not cause one of them to fall.

At the end the reader may say

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the
Church
All Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 139.1-9

Refrain:

**Your hand shall lead me, O Lord,
your right hand hold me fast.**

I 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.

Refrain:

**Your hand shall lead me, O Lord,
your right hand hold me fast.**

- 6 Where can I go then from your
spirit?
Or where can I flee from your
presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are
there;
if I make the grave my bed, you
are there also.
- 9 If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts
of the sea,
- 10 Even there your hand shall lead me,
your right hand hold me fast.

Refrain:

**Your hand shall lead me, O Lord,
your right hand hold me fast.**

GOSPEL READING

Luke 6.27-38

²⁷But I say to you that listen, Love
your enemies, do good to those who
hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you,
pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If
anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer
the other also; and from anyone who
takes away your coat do not withhold
even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone
who begs from you; and if anyone
takes away your goods, do not ask for
them again. ³¹Do to others as you
would have them do to you.

³²If you love those who love you,
what credit is that to you? For even
sinners love those who love them. ³³If
you do good to those who do good to
you, what credit is that to you? For
even sinners do the same. ³⁴If you lend
to those from whom you hope to
receive, what credit is that to you?
Even sinners lend to sinners, to
receive as much again. ³⁵But love your
enemies, do good, and lend, expecting
nothing in return. Your reward will be
great, and you will be children of the
Most High; for he is kind to the
ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶Be
merciful, just as your Father is
merciful.

³⁷Do not judge, and you will not be
judged; do not condemn, and you will
not be condemned. Forgive, and you
will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be
given to you. A good measure, pressed
down, shaken together, running over,
will be put into your lap; for the
measure you give will be the measure
you get back.’