



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Dear Priests, Deacons, Brothers and Sisters

The invitation on this Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time from the readings of God's Word is to 'Rejoice and proclaim with gladness Jesus who comes as King'.

He comes as a humble King. A King of kindness and compassion. A King of Peace. A King who invites 'Come to me all you who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest. I am gentle and humble of heart and you will find rest for your souls'. What a message of encouragement and hope for us in the midst of the devastating challenges of Covid-19.

Our Lord and God who is concerned about us and is with us at this troubling time. With us through the Holy Spirit living within our lives as we seek to journey in faith and hope with God in whom we trust.

The Prophet Zechariah proclaims the coming of Jesus our King. A king different from worldly kings we know. He comes humbly riding on a donkey. He comes not with weapons of war but to proclaim peace for all nations. The question we could ask ourselves why so much upheaval and unrest, lack of peace in the world today? A possible answer is that we human beings try to do things our way. Not God's way.

St Paul's reading to the Romans and to us addresses a reason and an answer that we can reflect upon. If as children of God we seek the unspiritual things of the world we are sure to find a lack of peace in our lives. So St Paul's describes the path we should be taking, a path of faith in Jesus our King who died and rose again in the power of the Spirit.

St Paul reminds us of where our thoughts and plans in life should be. 'Your interest are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you'. Indeed, through our baptism the Spirit of God has made his home in us. We are called to hold onto the spiritual things of God in Our lives. In the way we interact with one another.

St Paul ends his reading for us to put away our sinful ways so that the Spirit of God may be alive in us. A life of hope with God in charge. A hope that will see God with us in these challenging times of the Coronavirus.

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The Gospel from Matthew manifests God being close, not to the powerful but to the unimportant. 'I give thanks to you Father, Lord of heaven and earth because you hid these things from the clever ones and learned and revealed them to little children.' True power for us lies in Jesus words' everything was handed over to me by my Father and no one knows the son except the Father, nor does anyone one know the Father except the son and anyone to whom the son wishes to reveal him.

To understand what Jesus means is to be humble and open to allow him to reveal God's love for us. Being proud closes us off to this opportunity. It is the humble Christian who will hear and accept Jesus invitation. 'Come to me all you who are overburdened with worries and difficulties. I will give you rest. For I am gentle and humble of heart.'

It is with an open heart that we will come to the Lord to find rest in our lives. What the Lord asks of us in God's Word and Commandments will be manageable 'For my yoke is easy and my burden light.' We have therefore nothing to fear. The Lord is in charge. He is the King of Peace. Let us welcome the peace he is offering us that the world cannot give.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Bishop Peter Holiday