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Good Morning and welcome to this service of Holy Communion from Dunleer Church. The Collect and Readings are those of the 14th Sunday after Trinity, and the service begins on page 201 of the Book of Common Prayer.

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**THE GREETING**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**and also with you.**

**SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE**

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness, let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

**THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

[Let us pray]

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF PENITENCE**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:  
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it. You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets. *Matthew 22: 37-39*

**Lord, have mercy on us, and write these your laws in our hearts.**

**CONFESSION**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ, to save us from our sins, to intercede for us in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God’s commandments and to live in love and peace:

*Silence*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought and word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may walk in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One: you alone are the Lord: you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the Glory of God the Father. Amen.

**THE COLLECT and READINGS**

The collect of the 14th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God,  
whose only Son has opened for us  
a new and living way into your presence:  
Give us pure hearts and steadfast wills  
to worship you in spirit and in truth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Lesson: Genesis 50:15-21

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## The lesson is from the Book Genesis, chapter 50, beginning at verse 15

15 Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph’s brothers said, ‘What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?’ 16So they approached[\*](javascript:void(0);) Joseph, saying, ‘Your father gave this instruction before he died, 17“Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.” Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.’

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Joseph wept when they spoke to him. 18Then his brothers also wept,[\*](javascript:void(0);) fell down before him, and said, ‘We are here as your slaves.’ 19But Joseph said to them, ‘Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? 20Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. 21So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.’ In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## Psalm 103

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1  Bless the Lord, O my soul, ♦︎  
  *J* and all that is within me bless his holy name.  
2  Bless the Lord, O my soul, ♦︎  
   and forget not all his benefits;  
3  Who forgives all your sins ♦︎  
   and heals all your infirmities;  
4  Who redeems your life from the Pit ♦︎  
   and crowns you with faithful love and compassion;  
5  Who satisfies you with good things, ♦︎  
   so that your youth is renewed like an eagle’s.  
6  The Lord executes righteousness ♦︎  
   and judgement for all who are oppressed.  
7  He made his ways known to Moses ♦︎  
   and his works to the children of Israel.  
] 8  The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, ♦︎  
   slow to anger and of great kindness.  
9  He will not always accuse us, ♦︎  
   neither will he keep his anger for ever.  
10  He has not dealt with us according to our sins, ♦︎  
   nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.  
11  For as the heavens are high above the earth, ♦︎  
   so great is his mercy upon those who fear him.  
12  As far as the east is from the west, ♦︎  
   so far has he set our sins from us.  
13  As a father has compassion on his children, ♦︎  
   so is the Lord merciful towards those who fear him.

## The Epistle: Romans 14: 1-12

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The Epistle is written in St Paul’s epistle to the Romans, in the 14th chapter, beginning at the first verse.

14Welcome those who are weak in faith,[\*](javascript:void(0);) but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. 2Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. 3Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. 4Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord[\*](javascript:void(0);) is able to make them stand.

5 Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. 6Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

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7 We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. 8If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s. 9For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

10 Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister?[\*](javascript:void(0);) Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister?[\*](javascript:void(0);) For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God.[\*](javascript:void(0);) 11For it is written,  
‘As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
   and every tongue shall give praise to[\*](javascript:void(0);) God.’  
12So then, each of us will be accountable to God.[\*](javascript:void(0);)

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## The Gospel: Matthew 18: 21-35

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## Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St Matthew in the 18th chapter, beginning at the 21st verse

## Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

21 Then Peter came and said to him, ‘Lord, if another member of the church[\*](javascript:void(0);) sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?’ 22Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven[\*](javascript:void(0);) times.

23 ‘For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. 24When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents[\*](javascript:void(0);) was brought to him; 25and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. 26So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.” 27And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.

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28But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii;[\*](javascript:void(0);) and seizing him by the throat, he said, “Pay what you owe.” 29Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you.” 30But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. 31When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. 32Then his lord summoned him and said to him, “You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. 33Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?” 34And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. 35So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister[\*](javascript:void(0);) from your heart.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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**THE NICENE CREED** *Stand*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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That all may do to others as they would have done to them, let us pray to the Lord.

Give to the church grace to speak the word of pardon and to show its power by her example of inclusiveness, of generosity and forgiveness. Let all who confess Christ acknowledge the mercy they have received and in all things be slow to find fault in others, quick to forgive offences.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

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Have compassion on the nations which suffer under heavy loads of debt. Bring a new spirit of generosity to those who have much, that hey may be moved to relieve those who have little. May those who hold authority exercise it with mercy.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide us to be merciful to those who need our mercy. In all our relationships, may we be the first to forgive and to make peace. Bring the spirit of love to solve the disputes and demands which are in our lives.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who bear a heavy burden of personal debt and find no way of escape. Guide those who seek to help them with their problems. Have mercy on all who are imprisoned for debt, have mercy on their families.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity. Give them patience and faith in their affliction and lay your healing hand upon them to bring them light and peace.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the memory of all who have died in faith and who now worship in your nearer presence and we pray that we may share with them the joys of your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

**Merciful Father, accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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**PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS**

**We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.**

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**THE PEACE**

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**and also with you.**

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

**AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE**

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ our risen high priest; make yourself known in the breaking of bread. **Amen.**

**THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE**

*Stand. The Presiding Minister takes the bread and wine and may say*

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us

**therefore let us celebrate the feast.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 1**

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Father, almighty and everliving God, at all times and in all places it is right to give you thanks and praise:

And so with all your people, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, Father, the creator and sustainer of all things; you made us in your own image, male and female you created us; even when we turned away from you, you never ceased to care for us, but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin, giving your only begotten Son to become man and suffer death on the cross to redeem us: he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world: he instituted, and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

On the night that he was betrayed \* he took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, \* Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper \* he took the cup; and when he had given thanks to you, he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you, \* for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we do as Christ your Son commanded:

**we remember his passion and death, we celebrate his resurrection and ascension, and we look for the coming of his kingdom.**

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; and as we eat and drink these holy gifts, grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit that we may be made one in your holy Church and partakers of the body and blood of your Son, that he may dwell in us and we in him: Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

**all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

**AGNUS DEI**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

**THE COMMUNION**

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Remember that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

**THE GREAT SILENCE**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Lord God,  
the source of truth and love:  
Keep us faithful to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship,  
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,  
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.. **Amen**.

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

**THE BLESSING**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen**.

**HYMN**

**DISMISSAL**

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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**in the name of Christ. Amen.**

HYMNS

(p) 1st Reading Genesis 50: 15–21  
550\* ‘Forgive our sins, as we forgive’  
  
(p) Psalm Psalm 103: (1–7) 8–13  
349\* Fill thou my life, O Lord my God  
80\* Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father  
33\* O Lord of every shining constellation  
366\* Praise, my soul, the King of heaven  
365\* Praise to the Lord, the almighty, the King of creation  
660\* Thine for ever, God of love  
374\* When all thy mercies, O my God  
  
2nd Reading Romans 14: 1–12  
94\* In the name of Jesus

The Gospel Matthew 18: 21–35  
550\* ‘Forgive our sins, as we forgive’  
421\* I come with joy, a child of God  
623 Our heavenly Father, through your Son *Belmont*