

“A DIFFERENT REGIME”


Welcome everyone to the Twentieth-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Opening Prayer Please pray together

We lift up before you those whose bread is comprised of tears because of their suffering. We know of people who feel their souls cast down for want of peace in their hearts and minds. Speak your gracious word of comfort and grant them release, Amen.

**Q 1 What was the hardest thing you ever had to change?
Why do you think change is so difficult?**

Worship Suggestions

When I survey the wondrous cross 

Think about his love

Amazing Grace

Word Psalm 46

¹ God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,

³ though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.

⁵ God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.

⁶ Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

⁷ The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

⁸ Come and see what the LORD has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth.

⁹ He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth.

He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰ He says, “Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth.”

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Luke 23.33-43

³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.”

³⁶ The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.”

³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

⁴³ Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Q 2 Despite being mocked on the cross, Jesus shows forgiveness . Can you imagine the joy the penitent thief felt when Jesus told him he would be in paradise with him. Please discuss the thief’s feelings.

Q 3 Jesus came to show a new kind of kingdom. Gods Kingdom. What makes this kingdom so different to kingdoms that we know?

Q 4 To follow Gods kingdom means great sacrifice and implications for our lifestyle. Discuss these please

Works – a closing prayer

Speak this Serenity Prayer together;

**Lord, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
the courage to change the things I can
and the wisdom to know the difference, Amen 🙏**

Shalom

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(Ref Roots on the Web, The Message)