

## **Sixth Sunday After Pentecost**

### **30 June 2024**

#### **Collect**

O Christ for whom we search,  
our help when help has failed:  
give us courage to expose our need  
and ask to be made whole,  
that, being touched by you,  
we may be raised to new life in the power of your name. Amen.

#### **1st Reading**

### **Ezekiel 34.11-16**

**11** " For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them.

**12** As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness.

**13** I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land.

**14** I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel.

**15** I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD.

**16** I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.

#### **Psalm**

### **Psalm 34.1-10**

- 1** I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.
- 2** I will glory in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.
- 3** Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.
- 4** I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.
- 5** Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.
- 6** This poor man called, and the LORD heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles.
- 7** The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.
- 8** Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.
- 9** Fear the LORD, you his holy people, for those who fear him lack nothing.
- 10** The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

## **2nd Reading**

### **2 Timothy 4.6-8, 17-18**

- 6** For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near.
- 7** I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.
- 8** Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.
- 17** But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth.
- 18** The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Gospel**

## John 21.15-22

**15** When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

**16** Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

**17** The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."

**18** Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go."

**19** Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

**20** Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them. (This was the one who had leaned back against Jesus at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is going to betray you?")

**21** When Peter saw him, he asked, "Lord, what about him?"

**22** Jesus answered, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me."