

Sunday 29th August @ 10am

Readings

Deuteronomy 4 1-2, 6-9

James 1 17- end

Mark 7 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Collect for thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Thought for the Week Still The Freedom Of Choice

Notice Jesus does not say: 'Stop rejecting God's commandments.' (Mark 7:8). He points out the fault, and leaves it to the Pharisees to turn about and repair it, if they so choose.

Jesus, out of love and concern, shows us where we have gone astray; he chastens those for whom he cares: the others do not see their faults.

God made the world, without our help. He made us, without our help. And he will save us, without our help. God asks for nothing but our loyalty, loyalty to his laws, which he will preserve, without our help.