

Readings and Prayers for Sunday June 21, 2020 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Readings and Psalm

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18

Romans 6:1b-11

Matthew 10:24-39

Question to ponder: In today's gospel reading Jesus acknowledges hardship in the lives of his followers. At the same time Jesus assures that God knows them, and they are God's beloved. Can you think of a time in your life when God's love embraced you in the midst of hardship?

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia. Jesus says, The Spirit of the Lord will testify on my behalf, and you also are to testify. Alleluia. (John 15:26, 27)*

Prayer

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will. We especially pray for those who speak your justice and those who are tormented or targeted for being who they are. Continue to guide them and console them with your mercy. We give thanks for fathers and fatherly figures in our life. May you bless them with your great love. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Hymns

-O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate (ELW# 722)

Blessing

May God, the creator, ☩ Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless us and keep us in eternal love. Amen.

Prayer concerns: shop owners, journalists, and those who are experiencing conflict in family

*There will be a worship video for June 21st. Bishop Jeff shares good news of God's grace with us. You may go to GS website (<http://goodshepherdlena.org/>) or Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/GSLCLenall>) to watch the worship video.

