

**The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Proper 7**

**COLLECT**

**Traditional**

O Lord, we beseech thee, make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name, for thou never failest to help and govern those whom thou hast set upon the sure foundation of thy loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

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**Contemporary**

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**First Lesson:** Job 38:1-11, 16-18

<sup>1</sup>The Lord spoke to Job out of the storm. He said:

<sup>2</sup>“Who is this that obscures my plans with words without knowledge? <sup>3</sup>Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me.

<sup>4</sup>“Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundation? Tell me, if you understand. <sup>5</sup>Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? <sup>6</sup>On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone—<sup>7</sup>while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?

<sup>8</sup>“Who shut up the sea behind doors when it burst forth from the womb, <sup>9</sup>when I made the clouds its garment and wrapped it in thick darkness, <sup>10</sup>when I fixed limits for it and set its doors and bars in place, <sup>11</sup>when I said, ‘This far you may come and no farther; here is where your proud waves halt’?

<sup>16</sup>“Have you journeyed to the springs of the sea or walked in the recesses of the deep? <sup>17</sup>Have the gates of death been shown to you? Have you seen the gates of the deepest darkness? <sup>18</sup>Have you comprehended the vast expanses of the earth? Tell me, if you know all this.

**Second Lesson:** 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

<sup>14</sup>Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. <sup>15</sup>And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

<sup>16</sup>So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. <sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup>that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup>We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**Third Lesson:** Mark 4:35-41 (5:1-20)

<sup>35</sup>That day when evening came, Jesus said to his disciples, “Let us go over to the other side.” <sup>36</sup>Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him.

<sup>37</sup>A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. <sup>38</sup>Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, “Teacher, don’t you care if we drown?”

<sup>39</sup>He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

<sup>40</sup>Jesus said to his disciples, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?”

<sup>41</sup>They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!”