

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your Church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry
Longing for water, many still thirst
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter many are homeless
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others
walls made of living stone.

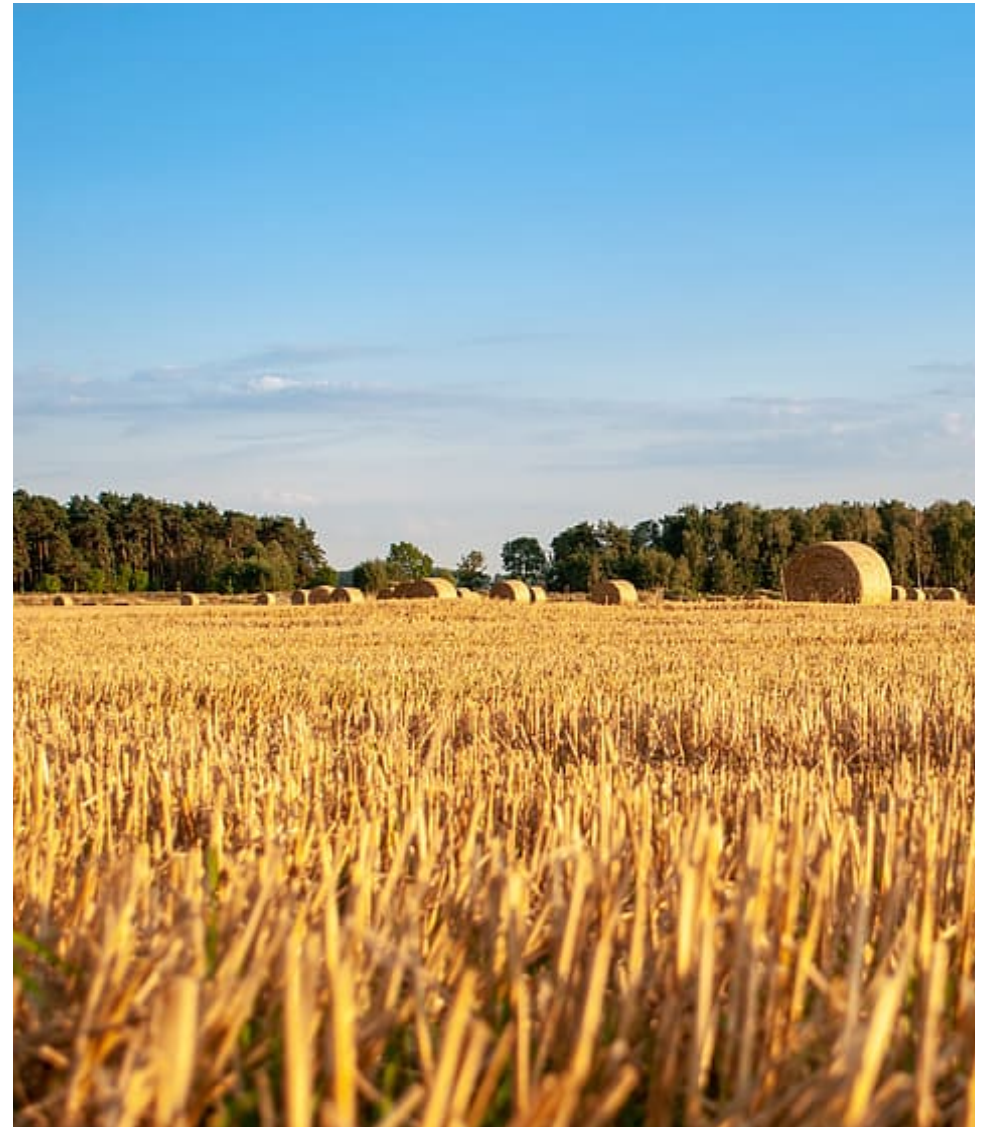
Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your Kingdom come.

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The Cotteridge Church

Proper 14

Sunday 7th August 2022



Bible Readings

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 and
Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

Collect for Proper 14

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

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Who would have thought that relatively powerless
Persons could bring shifts in history?

Gandhi, an Unsuccessful lawyer, adapted the teachings
of the Sermon on the Mount and the writings of Tolstoy
and became the key to bringing independence to India,
because he was ready.

Rosa Parks, in refusing to move to the back of the bus in
Montgomery, sparked the beginning of the civil rights
movement of the '50s and '60s. She was a rather
inauspicious person to take such a critical action, but
she was ready.

Nelson Mandela was sentenced to life in prison. He was
released to bring a shift in the politics of South Africa at
a critical juncture when many thought either that change
would never come or if it did, it would be accompanied
by a vast bloodbath. The transition to a more just society
came relatively peacefully under his leadership after he
was unexpectedly released from prison. Prison had
prepared him, made him ready.

Mother Teresa, a rather unpretentious nun, is being
considered for sainthood for her simple act of trying to
rescue people from the streets who might otherwise
die. She was ready!