

### **Pentecost 3 Sunday Devotional 2020**

God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. People ridiculed his words and work, while others threaten his livelihood, and even his friends try to undermine his prophetic words and work. In the second lesson for Romans, Paul calls for the Christians to be united in the cross of Christ and in the hope of the resurrection victory. Though they suffer for the time, comfort will come.

Jesus in the gospel lesson out of Matthew continues to meet with the disciples reminding them of their call to “go out and make disciples”, in the full knowledge that this will not be easy work. They will experience rejection, frustration, division, and death. God’s grace is proclaimed and the hope in the new creation marked out for those who follow the lead of Jesus.

