Readings 28 June 2020

**Matthew 10**

**40**‘Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. **41**Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. **42**And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.’

*Questions?*

Who has been this kind of person of good will in your life?
Where do we see these acts of kindness and goodwill in our society?

**Jeremiah 28**

**5**Then the prophet Jeremiah replied to the prophet Hananiah before the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord. **6**He said, ‘Amen! May the Lord do so! May the Lord fulfil the words you have prophesied by bringing the articles of the Lord’s house and all the exiles back to this place from Babylon. **7**Nevertheless, listen to what I have to say in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people: **8**from early times the prophets who preceded you and me have prophesied war, disaster and plague against many countries and great kingdoms. **9**But the prophet who prophesies peace will be recognised as one truly sent by the Lord only if his prediction comes true.’

*Question?*Can you think of examples of prophets of peace?

Psalm 13

**For the director of music. A psalm of David.**

**1**How long, Lord? Will you forget me for ever?
    How long will you hide your face from me?
**2**How long must I wrestle with my thoughts
    and day after day have sorrow in my heart?
    How long will my enemy triumph over me?

**3**Look on me and answer, Lord my God.
    Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death,
**4**and my enemy will say, ‘I have overcome him,’
    and my foes will rejoice when I fall.

**5**But I trust in your unfailing love;
    my heart rejoices in your salvation.
**6**I will sing the Lord’s praise,
    for he has been good to me.