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Suggestions For Sunday 7th June

by Revd John Elliott

Passages from Scripture

Isaiah 6:1-8

and/or Jeremiah 1:1-10

Matthew 4:12-22; 9:9

and/or John 1:35-51

Teachings of the New Church

The Lord's twelve apostles had the same representation as the twelve tribes of Israel: namely, they collectively represented the Church, and each one of them some essential of the church; and for this reason there were twelve of them.

Paragraph 430 of [Apocalypse Explained](#)

... the twelve sons of Jacob, and the tribes named after them too, mean all aspects of goodness and truth, that is, all aspects of love and faith in their entirety, Yet these meanings vary according to the order in which these names are mentioned, The variations are therefore countless and involve every single thing that constitutes the church and the Lord's kingdom,

Paragraph 6640 of [Arcana Caelestia](#) pub 1993 tr John Elliott

For more about the number 12, see paragraphs 648, 3858, 4535end of [Arcana Caelestia](#)

Hymns

199 Jesus calls us! *tune* St Andrew 8 7 8 7

283 O breath of life *tune* St Clement 9 8 9 8

Prayers

Lord Jesus Christ, grant renewal to us your people,
and grant renewal to your whole Church:
renewal of love for you and for one another;
renewal of faith in your promises and in the power of the gospel;
renewal of vision for the work of your kingdom throughout the world.
Renew our lives, O Christ, after your own image.
Renew us by your indwelling Holy Spirit,
and make us strong for service and witness,
in your name and for your glory.

[Frank Colquhoun](#)

Lord of the Church,
you have given your servants differing gifts,
that they may share them with others
in the household of faith
and use them responsibly
in the service of the world:
grant us to be generous in giving
and humble in receiving
that we may grow up to mature manhood
and attain to the full stature of Christ.

[John Kingsnorth](#)

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank Thee for gifts without number, for light in our darkness, for joy beyond our deserving, and for life without ending.

[Book of Worship](#) pub 1971