



20 PENTECOST

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 25



Revised Common Lectionary
TRACK TWO

Sunday, October 26, 2025

COLLECT

Traditional

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Contemporary

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING: Sirach 35:12-17

GIVE TO THE MOST HIGH as he has given to you, and as generously as you can afford. For the Lord is the one who repays, and he will repay you sevenfold. Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it; and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice; for the Lord is the judge, and with him there is no partiality. He will not show partiality to the poor; but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan, or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

or

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

ALTHOUGH OUR INIQUITIES testify against us, act, O LORD, for your name's sake; our apostasies indeed are many, and we have sinned against you. O hope of Israel, its savior in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveler turning aside for the night? Why should you be like someone confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot give help? Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not forsake us! Thus says the LORD concerning this people: Truly they have loved to wander, they have not restrained their feet; therefore the LORD does not accept them, now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins. Have you completely rejected Judah? Does your heart loathe Zion? Why have you struck us down so that there is no healing for us? We look for peace, but find no good; for a time of healing, but there is terror instead. We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD, the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you. Do not spurn us, for your name's sake; do not dishonor your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us. Can any idols of the nations bring rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Is it not you, O LORD our God? We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this.

Refrain

O Lord of hosts, happy are they who put their trust in you.

Psalm 84:1-6 *from the Book of Common Prayer*

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| 1 | How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! * My soul has a desire and longing for | the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. |
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- 2 The sparrow has found
her a house and the
swallow a nest where
she may lay her
young; * by the side of
your altars, O LORD of
hosts, my King and my
God.
- 3 Happy are they who
dwell in your house! *
they will always be
praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people
whose strength is in
you! * whose hearts are
set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through
the desolate valley
will find it a place of
springs, * for the early
rains have covered it
with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from
height to height, * and
the God of gods will
reveal himself in Zion.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

AS FOR ME, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL: Luke 18:9-14

JESUS TOLD THIS PARABLE to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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