



Today's Readings

Sunday, August 25, 2019

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 58:9b-14

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking
of evil,

¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹The LORD will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched
places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.

¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of
many generations;

you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

¹³If you refrain from trampling the
sabbath,

from pursuing your own interests on
my holy day;

if you call the sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the LORD honorable;

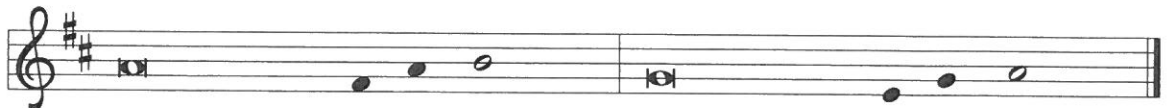
if you honor it, not going your own ways,
serving your own interests, or pursuing
your own affairs;

¹⁴then you shall take delight in the LORD,
and I will make you ride upon the
heights of the earth;

I will feed you with the heritage of your
ancestor Jacob,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Psalm

Psalm 103:1-8; tone 1



Bless the LORD, ¹O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless God's ¹holy name.

²Bless the LORD, ¹O my soul,
and forget not ¹all God's benefits—

³who forgives ¹all your sins
and heals all ¹your diseases;

⁴who redeems your life ¹from the grave
and crowns you
with steadfast ¹love and mercy;

⁵who satisfies your desires
¹with good things

so that your youth is renewed
¹like an eagle's.

⁶**O LORD, you provide ¹vindication
and justice for all who
¹are oppressed.**

⁷You made known your ¹ways to Moses
and your works
to the chil- ¹dren of Israel.

⁸**LORD, you are full of compas- ¹sion
and mercy,
slow to anger
and abounding in ¹steadfast love.**

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest,¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them.²⁰ (For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.”²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”)²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering,²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood

that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven!²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.”²⁷ This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain.²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe;²⁹ for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Gospel

Luke 13:10-17

Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight.¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.”¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God.¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come

on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.”¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water?¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?”¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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