



Today's Readings

Sunday, November 11, 2018

25th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day

O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

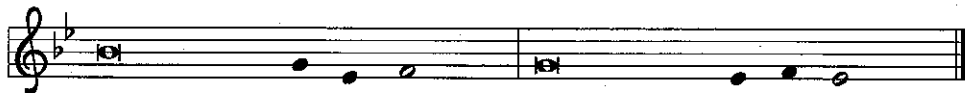
1 Kings 17:8-16

Then the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], saying, ⁹“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” ¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²But she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and

prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” ¹³Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.” ¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

Psalm

Psalm 146; tone 7



Hal-¹ lelujah!

Praise the LORD, ¹O my soul!

²I will praise the LORD as long

¹ as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I ¹ have my being.

³Put not your ¹ trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there

¹ is no help.

⁴When they breathe their last, they re-¹ turn to earth,

and in that day

¹ their thoughts perish.

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob ¹ for their help,

whose hope is in the

¹ LORD their God;

continued

Psalm, continued

⁶who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that ¹is in them; who keeps promis- ¹es forever;

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to ¹those who hunger.

The LORD sets the ¹captive free.

⁸The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those

who ¹are bowed down; the LORD ¹loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD cares ¹for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way ¹of the wicked.

¹⁰The LORD shall ¹reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. ¹Hallelujah!

Second Reading

Hebrews 9:24-28

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as

it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Gospel

Mark 12:38-44

As [Jesus] taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

⁴¹He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting

money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

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