

# Today's Readings

Sunday, October 14, 2018

21st Sunday after Pentecost

## Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## First Reading

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Seek the LORD and live,  
or he will break out against the house  
of Joseph like fire,  
and it will devour Bethel, with no one  
to quench it.

<sup>7</sup>Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,  
and bring righteousness to the  
ground!

<sup>10</sup>They hate the one who reproves in the  
gate,  
and they abhor the one who speaks  
the truth.

<sup>11</sup>Therefore because you trample on the  
poor  
and take from them levies of grain,  
you have built houses of hewn stone,  
but you shall not live in them;  
you have planted pleasant vineyards,  
but you shall not drink their wine.

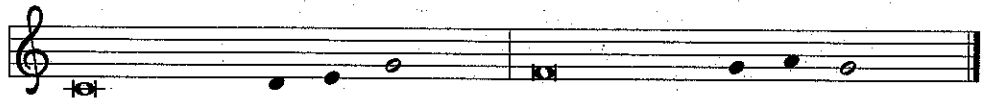
<sup>12</sup>For I know how many are your  
transgressions,  
and how great are your sins—  
you who afflict the righteous, who take  
a bribe,  
and push aside the needy in the gate.  
<sup>13</sup>Therefore the prudent will keep silent  
in such a time;  
for it is an evil time.

<sup>14</sup>Seek good and not evil,  
that you may live;  
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will  
be with you,  
just as you have said.

<sup>15</sup>Hate evil and love good,  
and establish justice in the gate;  
it may be that the LORD, the God of  
hosts,  
will be gracious to the remnant of  
Joseph.

## Psalm

Psalm 90:12-17; tone 4



So teach us to num-<sup>1</sup>ber our days  
that we may apply our <sup>1</sup> hearts  
to wisdom.

<sup>13</sup>**Return, O LORD;**  
**how long <sup>1</sup> will you tarry?**  
**Be gracious <sup>1</sup> to your servants.**

<sup>14</sup>Satisfy us by your steadfast love  
<sup>1</sup> in the morning;  
so shall we rejoice and be glad  
<sup>1</sup> all our days.

<sup>15</sup>**Make us glad as many days**  
**as you af-<sup>1</sup> flicted us**  
**and as many years**  
**as we suf-<sup>1</sup> fered adversity.**

<sup>16</sup>Show your ser-<sup>1</sup> vants your works,  
and your splendor <sup>1</sup> to their children.

<sup>17</sup>**May the graciousness of the Lord**  
**our God <sup>1</sup> be upon us;**  
**prosper the work of our hands;**  
**pros-<sup>1</sup> per our handiwork.**

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

<sup>14</sup>Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

## Gospel

## Mark 10:17-31

As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" <sup>20</sup>He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." <sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were

perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

<sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."