

Collect and Lessons for the 20th Sunday after Trinity
October 25, 2020

Opening Hymn - 537	<i>Christ for the World</i>
Sermon Hymn - 519	<i>Once to Every Man and Nation</i>
Closing Hymn - 396	<i>The Church's One Foundation</i>

The Collect

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, of thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech thee, from all things that may hurt us; that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things which thou commandest;* through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Old Testament Lesson

The Old Testament is written in the 3rd Chapter of the Book of the Prophet Malachi beginning at the 8th verse:

⁸ "Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. "But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' "In tithes and offerings. ⁹ You are under a curse-- the whole nation of you-- because you are robbing me.

¹⁰ Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.
Here endeth the Old Testament Lesson.

Psalm 15. *Domine, quis habitabit?*

We will read Psalm 15 responsively by the whole verse:

1 LORD, who shall dwell in thy tabernacle? * or who shall rest upon thy holy hill?

2 Even he that leadeth an uncorrupt life, * and doeth the thing which is right, and speaketh the truth from his heart.

3 He that hath used no deceit in his tongue, nor done evil to his neighbour, * and hath not slandered his neighbour.

4 He that setteth not by himself, but is lowly in his own eyes, * and maketh much of them that fear the LORD.

5 He that sweareth unto his neighbour, and disappointeth him not, * though it were to his own hindrance.

6 He that hath not given his money upon usury, * nor taken reward against the innocent.

7 Whoso doeth these things * shall never fall.

Glory be the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

**As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end,
Amen.**

The New Testament Lesson

The New Testament Lesson is written in the 8th Chapter of Paul's second Letter to the Corinthians beginning at the 10th verse:

¹⁰ And here is my advice about what is best for you in this matter: Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so.

¹¹ Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means.

¹² For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have.

¹³ Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. ¹⁴ At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. Then there will be equality, ¹⁵ as it is written: "He who gathered much did not have too much, and he who gathered little did not have too little." Here endeth the New Testament Lesson

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel is written in the 20th Chapter of Luke beginning at the 45th verse: **Glory be to thee, O Lord**

⁴⁵ Then in the audience of all the people Jesus said unto his disciples,

⁴⁶ Beware of the scribes, which desire to walk in long robes, and love greetings in the markets, and the highest seats in the synagogues, and the chief rooms at feasts; ⁴⁷ Which devour widows' houses, and for a shew make long prayers: the same shall receive greater damnation.

And he looked up, and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury. ² And he saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites.

³ And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all: ⁴ For all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God: but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had. The Gospel of the Lord

Praise be to thee, O Christ

Let us now pray together "A Prayer for 'Spiritual Communion'" from the Armed Forces Prayer Book (said on Sunday when we are prevented by circumstances from making our communion)

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of Thy Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer Thee praise and thanksgiving.

I present to Thee my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to Thee,

And since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, I beseech Thee to come spiritually into my heart.

I unite myself to Thee, and embrace Thee with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate Thee from me. May I live and die in Thy love. Amen.