

Collect and Lessons for the 18th Sunday after Trinity  
October 11, 2020

*The Collect for This Sunday*

LORD, we beseech thee, grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil; and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Old Testament Lesson*

The Old Testament Lesson is written in the 31<sup>st</sup> Chapter of the Book of Job beginning at the 16<sup>th</sup> verse:

Job said: <sup>16</sup> "If I have withheld anything that the poor desired, or have caused the eyes of the widow to fail, <sup>17</sup> or have eaten my morsel alone, and the fatherless has not eaten of it <sup>18</sup> (for from my youth the fatherless grew up with me as with a father, and from my mother's womb I guided the widow), ... <sup>19</sup> if I have seen anyone perish for lack of clothing, or the needy without covering, <sup>20</sup> if his body has not blessed me, and if he was not warmed with the fleece of my sheep, <sup>21</sup> if I have raised my hand against the fatherless, because I saw my help in the gate, <sup>22</sup> then let my shoulder blade fall from my shoulder, and let my arm be broken from its socket. <sup>23</sup> For I was in terror of calamity from God, and I could not have faced his majesty.

<sup>24</sup> "If I have made gold my trust or called fine gold my confidence, <sup>25</sup> if I have rejoiced because my wealth was abundant or because my hand had found much, ... <sup>26</sup> if I have looked at the sun when it shone, or the moon moving in splendor, <sup>27</sup> and my heart has been secretly enticed, and my mouth has kissed my hand,

<sup>28</sup> this also would be an iniquity to be punished by the judges, for I would have been false to God above. Here endeth the Old Testament Lesson.

Psalm 7. *Domine, Deus meus*

We will read Psalm 7 responsively by the whole verse:

1 O LORD my God, in thee have I put my trust: \* save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me;

**2 Lest he devour my soul like a lion, and tear it in pieces, \* while there is none to help.**

3 O LORD my God, if I have done any such thing; \* or if there be any wickedness in my hands

**4 If I have rewarded evil unto him that dealt friendly with me; \* (yea, I have delivered him that without any cause is mine enemy;)**

5 Then let mine enemy persecute my soul, and take me; \* yea, let him tread my life down upon the earth, and lay mine honour in the dust.

**9 O let the wickedness of the ungodly come to an end; \* but guide thou the just.**

10 For the righteous God \* trieth the very hearts and reins.

**11 My help cometh of God, \* who preserveth them that are true of heart.**

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 9th Chapter of Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians beginning at the 19th verse:

<sup>19</sup> For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup> To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law.

<sup>21</sup> To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law.

<sup>22</sup> To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. <sup>23</sup> I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

<sup>24</sup> Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. <sup>25</sup> Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.

<sup>26</sup> So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. <sup>27</sup> But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified. Here endeth the New Testament Lesson.

*The Holy Gospel*

The Holy Gospel is written in the 6<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Matthew beginning at the 19<sup>th</sup> verse: **Glory be to thee, O Lord**

Jesus said, <sup>19</sup> Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: <sup>20</sup> But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

<sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to thee, O Christ**

"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.**