

Lessons for the 19th Sunday after Trinity
October 10, 2021

The Collect.

O GOD, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee; Mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Old Testament Lesson

A reading from the 31st Chapter of the Book of Job beginning at the 16th verse:

¹⁶ "If I have denied the desires of the poor or let the eyes of the widow grow weary, ¹⁷ if I have kept my bread to myself, not sharing it with the fatherless-- ¹⁸ but from my youth I reared him as would a father, and from my birth I guided the widow-- ¹⁹ if I have seen anyone perishing for lack of clothing, or a needy man without a garment, ²⁰ and his heart did not bless me for warming him with the fleece from my sheep, ²¹ if I have raised my hand against the fatherless, knowing that I had influence in court, ²² then let my arm fall from the shoulder, let it be broken off at the joint.

²³ For I dreaded destruction from God, and for fear of his splendor I could not do such things. ²⁴ "If I have put my trust in gold or said to pure gold, 'You are my security,' ²⁵ if I have rejoiced over my great wealth, the fortune my hands had gained, ²⁶ if I have regarded the sun in its radiance or the moon moving in splendor, ²⁷ so that my heart was secretly enticed and my hand offered them a kiss of homage, ²⁸ then these also would be sins to be judged, for I would have been unfaithful to God on high.

Psalm 10. *Ut quid, Domine ?*

1 Why standest thou so far off, O LORD, * and hidest thy face in the needful time of trouble?

2 The ungodly, for his own lust, doth persecute the poor: * let them be taken in the crafty wiliness that they have imagined.

3 For the ungodly hath made boast of his own heart's desire, * and speaketh good of the covetous, whom the LORD abhorreth.

4 The ungodly is so proud, that he careth not for God, * neither is God in all his thoughts.

5 His ways are alway¹ grievous; * thy judgments are far above out of his sight, and therefore defieth he all his enemies.

6 For he hath said in his heart, Tush, I shall never be cast down, * there shall no harm happen unto me.

7 His mouth is full of cursing, deceit, and fraud; * under his tongue is ungodliness and vanity.

8 He sitteth lurking in the thievish corners of the streets, * and privily in his lurking dens doth he murder the innocent; his eyes are set against the poor.

9 For he lieth waiting secretly; even as a lion lurketh he in his den, * that he may ravish the poor.

10 He doth ravish the poor, * when he getteth him into his net.

11 He falleth down, and humbleth himself, * that the congregation of the poor may fall into the hands of his captains.

12 He hath said in his heart, Tush, God hath forgotten; * he hideth away his face, and he will never see it.

13 Arise, O LORD God, and lift up thine hand; * forget not the poor.

14 Wherefore should the wicked blaspheme God, * while he doth say in his heart, Tush, thou God carest not for it?

15 Surely thou hast seen it; * for thou beholdest ungodliness and wrong, that thou mayest take the matter into thy hand.

16 The poor committeth himself unto thee; * for thou art the helper of the friendless.

17 Break thou the power of the ungodly and malicious; * search out his ungodliness, until thou find none.

18 The LORD is King for ever and ever, * and the heathen are perished out of the land.

19 LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the poor; * thou preparest their heart, and thine ear hearkeneth

20 To help the fatherless and poor unto their right, * that the man of the earth be no more exalted against them.

The New Testament Lesson

A reading from the 5th Chapter of the first Letter to Timothy beginning at the 1st verse:

Rebuke not an elder, but intreat *him* as a father; *and* the younger men as brethren; ² The elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, with all purity. ³ Honour widows that are widows indeed.

⁴ But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to shew piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God. ⁵ Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day. ⁶ But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth. ⁷ And these things give in charge, that they may be blameless.

⁸ But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel is written in the 6th Chapter of Matthew beginning at the 19th verse:

Glory be to thee, O Lord

¹⁹ Jesus said, “Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:
²⁰ But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: ²¹
For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise be to thee, O Christ