

Collect and Lessons for the 21st Sunday after Trinity  
October 24, 2021

*The Collect*

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful LORD, to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The Old Testament Lesson*

A reading from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter of the Book of the Prophet Malachi beginning at the 8<sup>th</sup> verse:

<sup>8</sup> Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. <sup>9</sup> Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

<sup>10</sup> Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

Psalm 15. *Domine, quis habitabit?*

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.

### *The New Testament Lesson*

A reading from the 8<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Paul's second Letter to the Corinthians  
beginning at the 10<sup>th</sup> verse:

<sup>10</sup> And in this matter I give my judgment: this benefits you, who a year ago  
started not only to do this work but also to desire to do it. <sup>11</sup> So now finish  
doing it as well, so that your readiness in desiring it may be matched by  
your completing it out of what you have. <sup>12</sup> For if the readiness is there, it  
is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does  
not have.

<sup>13</sup> I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as  
a matter of fairness <sup>14</sup> your abundance at the present time should supply  
their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be  
fairness. <sup>15</sup> As it is written, "Whoever gathered much had nothing left over,  
and whoever gathered little had no lack."

## *The Holy Gospel*

The Holy Gospel is written in the 20<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Luke beginning at the 45<sup>th</sup> verse:

### **Glory be to thee, O Lord**

<sup>45</sup> Then in the audience of all the people Jesus said unto his disciples,  
<sup>46</sup> 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; <sup>47</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> And he saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites. <sup>3</sup> And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all: <sup>4</sup> 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**