

## Collect and Lessons for the Fourth Sunday after Trinity

### The Collect

O God, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### The Old Testament Lesson

A reading from the 7<sup>th</sup> Chapter of the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse:

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: <sup>2</sup> "Stand in the gate of the LORD's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the LORD, all you men of Judah who enter these gates to worship the LORD.

<sup>3</sup> Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Amend your ways and your deeds, and I will let you dwell in this place. <sup>4</sup> Do not trust in these deceptive words: 'This is the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD.'

<sup>5</sup> "For if you truly amend your ways and your deeds, if you truly execute justice one with another, <sup>6</sup> if you do not oppress the sojourner, the fatherless, or the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not go after other gods to your own harm, <sup>7</sup> then I will let you dwell in this place, in the land that I gave of old to your fathers forever.

Psalm 92. *Bonum est confiteri.*

1 It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, \* and to sing praises unto thy Name, O Most Highest;

2 To tell of thy loving-kindness early in the morning, \* and of thy truth in the night season;

3 Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the lute; \* upon a loud instrument, and upon the harp.

4 For thou, LORD, hast made me glad through thy works; \* and I will rejoice in giving praise for the operations of thy hands.

5 O LORD, how glorious are thy works! \* thy thoughts are very deep.

6 An unwise man doth not well consider this, \* and a fool doth not understand it.

7 When the ungodly are green as the grass, and when all the workers of wickedness do flourish, \* then shall they be destroyed for ever; but thou, LORD, art the Most Highest for evermore.

8 For lo, thine enemies, O LORD, lo, thine enemies shall perish; \* and all the workers of wickedness shall be destroyed.

9 But my horn shall be exalted like the horn of an unicorn; \* for I am anointed with fresh oil.

10 Mine eye also shall see his lust of mine enemies, \* and mine ear shall hear his desire of the wicked that arise up against me.

11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm-tree, \* and shall spread abroad like a cedar in Lebanon.

12 Such as are planted in the house of the LORD, \* shall flourish in the courts of the house of our God.

13 They also shall bring forth more fruit in their age, \* and shall be fat and well-liking;

14 That they may show how true the LORD my strength is, \* and that there is no unrighteousness in him.

### *The New Testament Lesson*

A reading from the 8<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Paul's Letter to the Romans beginning at the 18<sup>th</sup> verse:

<sup>18</sup> For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. <sup>19</sup> For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

<sup>20</sup> For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, <sup>21</sup> Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. <sup>23</sup> And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

## *The Holy Gospel*

A reading from the 6<sup>th</sup> Chapter of St. Luke beginning at the 36<sup>th</sup> verse:

**Glory be to thee, O Lord**

<sup>36</sup> Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful. <sup>37</sup> Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven:

<sup>38</sup> Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

<sup>39</sup> And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch? <sup>40</sup> The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be as his master. <sup>41</sup> And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye?

<sup>42</sup> Either how canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brother's eye.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise be to thee, O Christ**