

## The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity.

### 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 Jeremiah 14:7.

A reading from the 14<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Jeremiah beginning at the 7<sup>th</sup> verse:

<sup>7</sup> **O LORD**, though our iniquities testify against us, do thou it for thy name's sake:

for our backslidings are many; we have sinned against thee.

<sup>8</sup> O the hope of Israel, the saviour thereof in time of trouble, why shouldest thou be as a stranger in the land,

and as a wayfaring man that turneth aside to tarry for a night?

<sup>9</sup> Why shouldest thou be as a man astonied, as a mighty man that cannot save? yet thou,

O LORD, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy name; leave us not.

<sup>10</sup> Thus saith the LORD unto this people, Thus have they loved to wander, they have not refrained their feet,

therefore the LORD doth not accept them; he will now remember their iniquity, and visit their sins.

<sup>19</sup> Hast thou utterly rejected Judah? hath thy soul lothed Zion?

why hast thou smitten us, and there is no healing for us?

we looked for peace, and there is no good; and for the time of healing,  
and behold trouble!

<sup>20</sup> We acknowledge, O LORD, our wickedness, and the iniquity of our  
fathers:

for we have sinned against thee.

<sup>21</sup> Do not abhor us, for thy name's sake, do not disgrace the throne of thy  
glory:

remember, break not thy covenant with us.

<sup>22</sup> Are there any among the vanities of the Gentiles that can cause rain?  
or can the heavens give showers?

art not thou he, O LORD our God? therefore we will wait upon thee: for  
thou hast made all these things.

Here endeth the Old Testament Lesson

**PSALM #15 Domine, quis habitabit pb pg 357**

**We will read Psalm 15 responsively by the whole verse:**

**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 to 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 Epistle. Ephesians v. 15. pb pg 217**

**A reading from the Book of Ephesians Chapter 5: beginning at the 15 verse:**

SEE then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

**The Gospel. St. Matthew xxii. 1.**

**The Holy Gospel is written in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Chapter of Matthew beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse:**

JESUS said, The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son, and sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come. Again, he sent forth other ser-

vants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage. But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise: and the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them. But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy. Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests. And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding-garment: and he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding-garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise be to thee, O Christ**