

## Collect and Lessons for the 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

### *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 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.

Psalm 127. *Nisi Dominus.*

1 Except the LORD build the house, \* their labour is but lost that build it.

2 Except the LORD keep the city, \* the watchman waketh but in vain.

3 It is but lost labour that ye haste to rise up early, and so late take rest, and eat the bread of carefulness; \* for so he giveth his beloved sleep.

4 Lo, children, and the fruit of the womb, \* are an heritage and gift that cometh of the LORD.

5 Like as the arrows in the hand of the giant, \* even so are the young children.

6 Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them; \* they shall not be ashamed when they speak with their enemies in the gate.

*The New Testament Lesson*

A reading from the 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Paul's First Letter to Timothy:

Do not rebuke an older man but encourage him as you would a father. Treat younger men like brothers, <sup>2</sup> older women like mothers, younger women like sisters, in all purity.

<sup>3</sup> Honor widows who are truly widows. <sup>4</sup> But if a widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show godliness to their own household and to make some return to their parents, for this is pleasing in the sight of God. <sup>5</sup> She who is truly a widow, left all alone, has set her hope on God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day, <sup>6</sup> but she who is self-indulgent is dead even while she lives.

<sup>7</sup> Command these things as well, so that they may be without reproach.  
<sup>8</sup> But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

### *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**