

The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity.

The Collect.

O LORD, we beseech thee, absolve thy people
from

their offences; that through thy bountiful
goodness we

may all be delivered from the bands of those
sins, which

by our frailty we have committed. Grant this, O
heavenly

Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our blessed
Lord and

Saviour. Amen.

The Old Testament Lesson

The First Lesson is written in the 4th Chapter of
the Book of 2 Kings beginning at the 18 verse:

¹⁸ And when the child was grown, it fell on a
day, that he went out ¹⁹ And he said unto his
father, My head, my head. And he said to a lad,
Carry him to his mother. ²⁰ And when he had
taken him, and brought him to his mother, he

sat on her knees till noon, and then died.²¹ And she went up, and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut the door upon him, and went out.²² And she called unto her husband, and said, Send me, I pray thee, one of the young men, and one of the asses, that I may run to the man of God, and come again.²³ And he said, Wherefore wilt thou go to him to day? it is neither new moon, nor sabbath. And she said, It shall be well.⁴ Then she saddled an ass, and said to her servant, Drive, and go forward; slack not thy riding for me, except I bid thee.²⁵ So she went and came unto the man of God to mount Carmel. And it came to pass, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to Gehazi his servant, Behold, yonder is that Shunammite:²⁶ Run now, I pray thee, to meet her, and say unto her, Is it well with thee? is it well with thy husband? is it well with the child? And she answered, It is well:²⁷ And when she came to the man of God to the hill, she caught him by the feet: but Gehazi came near to thrust her away. And the man of God said, Let her alone; for her soul is vexed within her: and the

LORD hath hid it from me, and hath not told me.²⁸ Then she said, Did I desire a son of my lord? did I not say, Do not deceive me?²⁹ Then he said to Gehazi, Gird up thy loins, and take my staff in thine hand, and go thy way: if thou meet any man, salute him not; and if any salute thee, answer him not again: and lay my staff upon the face of the child.³⁰ And the mother of the child said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And he arose, and followed her.³¹ And Gehazi passed on before them, and laid the staff upon the face of the child; but there was neither voice, nor hearing. Wherefore he went again to meet him, and told him, saying, The child is not awaked.³² And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, and laid upon his bed.³³ He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto the LORD.³⁴ And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands: and stretched himself upon the child; and the flesh of the child waxed warm.³⁵ Then he returned, and

walked in the house to and fro; and went up, and stretched himself upon him: and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes.³⁶ And he called Gehazi, and said, Call this Shunammite. So he called her. And when she was come in unto him, he said, Take up thy son.³⁷ Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground, and took up her son, and went out.

Here endeth the First Lesson

Psalm #86 Inclina, Domine 1-12 pb pg 447

We will read Psalm #86 responsively by the whole verse:

BOW down thine ear, O Lord, and hear me; * for I am poor, and in misery.

2 Preserve thou my soul, for I am holy: * my God, save thy servant that putteth his trust in thee.

3 Be merciful unto me, O Lord; * for I will call daily upon thee.

4 Comfort the soul of thy servant; * for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

5 For thou, Lord, art good and gracious, * and of great mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

6 Give ear, Lord, unto my prayer, * and ponder the voice of my humble desires.

The Epistle. Colossians i. 3.

A readding from the 1st Chapter of Colossians
beginning at the 3rd verse

WE give thanks to God and the Father of our
Lord

Jesus Christ, praying always for you, since we
heard

of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love
which ye

have to all the saints, for the hope which is laid
up for you

in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word
of the

truth of the gospel; which is come unto you, as
it is in all

the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth
also in you,

since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God

in truth: as ye also learned of Epaphras our dear fellow-

servant, who is for you a faithful minister of Christ; who

also declared unto us your love in the Spirit. For this cause

we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for

you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge

of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

that ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing,

being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the

knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according

to his glorious power, unto all patience and
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saints in light.

Here endeth the Epistle

The Gospel. St. Matthew ix. 18.

Glory be to thee, O Lord

WHILE Jesus spake these things unto John's
disciples,

behold, there came a certain ruler, and
worshipped

him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but
come and

lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live. And
Jesus arose,

and followed him, and so did his disciples. And,
behold, a

woman, which was diseased with an issue of
blood twelve

years, came behind him, and touched the hem
of his gar-

ment: for she said within herself, If I may but
touch his

garment, I shall be whole. But Jesus turned him
about, and

when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good
comfort;

thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman
was made

whole from that hour. And when Jesus came
into the ruler's

house, and saw the minstrels and the people
making a noise,

he said unto them, Give place: for the maid is
not dead, but

sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn. But
when the

people were put forth, he went in, and took her
by the

hand, and the maid arose. And the fame hereof
went abroad

into all that land.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise be to thee, O Christ