

COLLECTS AND READINGS FOR THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

17 October 2021

God, our light and our salvation, illuminate our lives, that we may see your goodness in the land of the living, and looking on your beauty may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN**

Post Communion prayer

God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

A reading from the book of Job chapter 38 verses 1-7

Then the LORD spoke to Job out of the storm. He said:

²“Who is this that obscures my plans with words without knowledge?”

³Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me.

⁴“Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation?

Tell me, if you understand.

⁵Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know!

Who stretched a measuring line across it?

⁶On what were its footings set or who laid its cornerstone—

⁷while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

chapter 5 verses 1-10

¹Every high priest is selected from among the people and is appointed to represent the people in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness. ³This is why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people. ⁴And no one takes this honour on himself, but he receives it when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him, “*You are my Son; today I have become your Father.*”

⁶And he says in another place, “*You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.*”

⁷During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered ⁹and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him ¹⁰and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark chapter 10 verses 35-45

Glory to you, O Lord

The request of James and John

³⁵Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. “*Teacher,*” they said, “*we want you to do for us whatever we ask.*”

³⁶“*What do you want me to do for you?*” he asked.

³⁷They replied, “*Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.*”

³⁸“*You don't know what you are asking,*” Jesus said. “*Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?*”

³⁹“*We can,*” they answered.

Jesus said to them, “*You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with,* ⁴⁰*but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.*”

⁴¹When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John.

⁴²Jesus called them together and said, “*You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them.* ⁴³*Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant,* ⁴⁴*and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all.* ⁴⁵*For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*”

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ