

Readings + 3rd Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 10 B + June 9, 2024

Prayer of the Day

All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

First Reading Genesis 3:8-15

⁸The man and the woman heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and they hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰He said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.” ¹¹The LORD God said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?”

¹²The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.” ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent tricked me, and I ate.” ¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,
cursed are you among all animals
and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel.”

Psalmody Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;
**O LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be
attentive to the voice of my supplication.**

If you were to keep watch over sins, O LORD,
who could stand?

**Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you
may be feared.**

I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits; in your
word is my hope.

**My soul waits for the Lord more than those
who keep watch for the morning, more than
those who keep watch for the morning.**

O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD
there is steadfast love; with the LORD there is
plenteous redemption.

**For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all
their sins.**

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1

Paul writes: ¹³Just as we have the same spirit of
faith that is in accordance with scripture – “I
trusted, and so I spoke” – we also trust, and
therefore we also speak, ¹⁴because we know that
the One who raised Jesus will raise us also with
Jesus, and will present us with you in his
presence. ¹⁵Indeed, everything is for your sake, so
that grace, when it has extended to more and
more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the
glory of God.

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Even though our
outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is
being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For our slight,
momentary affliction is producing for us an
eternal weight of glory beyond all measure,
¹⁸because we look not at what can be seen but at
what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is
temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

5 ¹For we know that, if the earthly tent we live in
is destroyed, we have a building from God, a
house not made with hands, eternal in the
heavens.

Holy Gospel Mark 3:20-35

*Only Mark has the first two verses, setting up the
family dispute at the end. Otherwise, Matthew,
Mark, and Luke all tell versions of this story. The
significant difference is that Mark, unlike Matthew,
gives a clue as to what “blaspheming against the
Holy Spirit” means, which is helpful. Maybe??*

¶Jesus¶ went home; ²⁰and the crowd came
together again, so that ¶Jesus and the disciples¶
could not even eat. ²¹When his family heard it,

they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.”²² And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.”

²³ And Jesus called them to him and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan?²⁴ If a dominion is divided against itself, that dominion cannot stand. ²⁵ And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶ And if Satan has risen up against Satan and is divided, Satan cannot stand, but is coming to an end. ²⁷ But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

²⁸ “I tell you the truth, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin” – ³⁰ for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

³¹ Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside they sent to Jesus and called him. ³² A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to Jesus, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside asking for you.” ³³ And Jesus replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” ³⁴ And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵ Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”