

Readings + 22nd Sun. after Pentecost, Lect. 32 C + November 9, 2025

Prayer of the Day

O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

First Reading Job 19:23-27a

²³ O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!
²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock forever!
²⁵ For I know that my vindicator lives,
and will in the end stand upon the earth;
²⁶ and after my skin has been destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,
²⁷ whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

Psalmody Psalm 17:1-9

Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed to my cry;
listen to my prayer, which does not come from
lying lips.

**Let my vindication come forth from your
presence; let your eyes be fixed on justice.**

Examine my heart, visit me by night, melt me
down; you will find no impurity in me.

**I have not regarded what others do; at the
word of your lips I have avoided the ways of
the violent.**

My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path;
and my feet do not slip.

**I call upon you, O God, for you will answer
me; incline your ear to me and hear my
words.**

Show me your marvelous lovingkindness, O
Savior of those who take refuge at your right
hand from those who rise up against them.

**Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me
under the shadow of your wings,**
from the wicked who assault me, from my deadly
enemies who surround me.

Second Reading 2 Thess. 2:1-5, 13-17

Paul writes: ¹ As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, dear family, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction, ⁴ who opposes and rises up above every so-called god or object of worship, to take a seat in the temple of God, and claiming to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, dear family beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ For this purpose God called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, dear siblings, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God, our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Holy Gospel Luke 20:27-38

Matthew, Mark, and Luke all tell this story, with very few differences:

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus ²⁸ and asked him a question, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the

resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

³⁴ Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like

angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now God is God not of the dead but of the living for to God all of them are alive.”