

Year A 2023

## THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

### *The Collect*

O Lord, we pray that thy grace may always precede and follow after us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### *The Lesson is written in the Fifteenth Chapter of the Book of The Prophet Jeremiah beginning at the fifteenth verse*

Jeremiah 15:15-21

O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

*The Word of the Lord*

### *Psalm 26*



**I have trust - ed in the LORD and have not fal - tered.**

Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity;

I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

Test me, O Lord, and try me;

Examine my heart and my mind.

*REFRAIN*

For your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

I have not sat with the worthless,

Nor do I consort with the deceitful.

*REFRAIN*

I have hated the company of evildoers;  
I will not sit down with the wicked.  
I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord,  
That I may go in procession round your altar.        *REFRAIN*

Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving  
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.  
Lord, I love the house in which you dwell  
and the place where your glory abides.        *REFRAIN*

***The Lesson is written in the Twelfth Chapter of the Letter of Saint Paul  
the Apostle to the Romans beginning at the first verse***

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

*The Word of the Lord*

***The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Saint Matthew***

Matthew 16:21-27

† From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.