

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

TRINITY 6 (YEAR A) PROPER 11

COLLECT

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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.**

FIRST READING

Wis 12.13,16-19

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

There is not any god besides you, Lord, whose care is for all people, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly.

For your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all. For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it. Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose. Through such works you have taught your people that the righteous must be kind, and you have filled your children with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

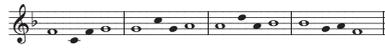
RESPONSORIAL PSALM

from Ps 86



℟. O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

(All repeat)



I will thank you Lord with [|] all my heart, and glorify your name for [|] evermore. For great is your [|] love towards me; you have delivered me from the [|] deepest pit. ℟.

The arrogant rise up against [|] me O God, and a violent band [|] seeks my life. But you O Lord are gracious and full [|] of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in [|] love and truth. ℟.

Turn to me and have mer-[|]cy upon me; show me a sign [|] of your favour, that those who hate me may see and [|] be ashamed; for you O Lord have been my [|] help and comfort. ℟.

SECOND READING

Rom 8.12-25

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh – for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing

of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf Eph 1.17,18

Alleluia.

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind: that we may see the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

Mt 13.24–30,36–43

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel ☩ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus put another parable before the crowd, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go

and gather them?’ But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, you have given us one perfect sacrifice to replace the many sacrifices of the Law: as once you blessed the offering of Abel, accept and bless the offering we bring in your honour, that it may avail for our salvation; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**