

# SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

TRINITY 12 (YEAR A) PROPER 17

## COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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

*Jer 15.15–21*

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. 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 merry-makers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. Therefore thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will 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, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*from Ps 26*



*R.* How lovely is your dwelling-place.  
(*All repeat*)



Give judgement for | me O Lord,  
for I walk the path | of perfection.  
I have trusted | in the Lord  
and I | have not faltered. *R.*

Test me O | Lord and try me;  
examine my heart | and my mind.  
For your love is be-|fore my eyes;  
I have walked | in your truth. *R.*

I have not joined the company | of the false,  
nor consorted with | the deceitful.  
I hate the gathering of | evildoers;  
I will not sit down | with the wicked. *R.*

I will wash my hands in inno-|cence O Lord,  
that I may go a-|bout your altar,  
to make heard the voice | of thanksgiving  
and tell of all your | wondrous deeds. *R.*

Lord I love the house | of your dwelling,  
the place where your glo-|ry abides.  
My foot stands on | level ground:  
I will bless the Lord in the great |  
congregation. *R.*

## SECOND READING

*Rom 12.9–21*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the  
Romans.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with

those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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 16.21-28*

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.**

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. Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

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PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May the offering we make to you, Lord, be a source of holiness for us and fill us with the grace it symbolises; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**