

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

TRINITY 19 (YEAR A) PROPER 24

COLLECT

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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

Isa 45.1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him, that their gates may be closed no more: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I confer upon you a title, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

from Ps 96



R. Give the Lord glory and power.

(All repeat)



O sing a new song | to the Lord,
sing to the Lord, | all the earth.
Tell his glory a-|mong the nations
and his wonders among | all the peoples. *R.*

The Lord is great and worthy | of all praise,
to be feared a-|bove all gods.
The gods of the heathens | are but idols;
it is the Lord who | made the heavens. *R.*

Give the Lord, you fami-|lies of peoples,
give the Lord glo-|ry and power.
Give the Lord the glory | of his name.
Bring an offering and en-|ter his courts. *R.*

Worship the Lord | in his temple.
O earth stand in fear | of the Lord.
Proclaim to the nations, | 'God is king.'
With equity he will | judge the peoples. *R.*

SECOND READING

1 The 1.1-10

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the
Thessalonians.

From Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers

in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead – Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Php 2.15,16

Alleluia.

You will shine as lights in the world:
for you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

Mt 22.15–22

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.

The Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle Jesus in his words. And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard it, they marvelled. And they left him and went away.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant, Lord, that we may offer our gifts to you in the spirit of loving worship. Let your grace purify our hearts, so that this sacrament may free us from our sinfulness; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**