

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

TRINITY 5 (YEAR B) PROPER 8

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Wis 1.13–15; 2.23–24

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

God did not make death, and he does not delight in the death of the living. For he created all things that they might exist, and the origins of the world are wholesome, and there is no destructive poison in them; and the dominion of Hades is not on earth. For righteousness is immortal.

For God created mankind for incorruption and made him in the image of his own character, but through the devil's envy death entered the world, and those who belong to his party experience it.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

from Ps 30



℟. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me. (*All repeat*)



I will praise you Lord, | you have rescued me, and have not let my enemies rejoice | over me. O Lord you have raised my soul | from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink in-|to the grave. ℟.

Sing psalms to the Lord, | you who love him; give thanks to his | holy name.

His anger lasts but a moment, his fa-|vour through life;

At night there are tears, but joy | comes with dawn. ℟.

The Lord listened | and had pity; the Lord came | to my help.

You have changed my mourning | into dancing;

O Lord my God, I will thank | you for ever. ℟.

SECOND READING

2 Cor 8.7–15

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

As you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you – see that you excel in this act of grace also.

I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. And in this matter I give my judgement: this benefits you, who a year ago started not only to do this work but also to desire to do it. So now finish doing it as well, so that your readiness in desiring it may be matched by your completing it out of what you have. For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have. For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. As it is written, "Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia.

Our Saviour Jesus Christ came to abolish death:
and bring life and immortality through the Gospel.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

Mk 5.21-43

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet and implored him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." And he went with him. And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him.

And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. For she said, "If I touch even his garments, I will be made well." And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my garments?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, 'Who touched me?'" And he looked round to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well;

go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler's house some who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." And he allowed no-one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. And when he had entered, he said to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. Taking her by the hand he said to her, "Talitha cumi", which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. And he strictly charged them that no-one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look favourably, Lord, upon the offerings of your Church, and grant that by receiving a share in them we may grow in holiness; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**