

# SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

TRINITY 21 (YEAR B) PROPER 24

## COLLECT

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; 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 53.4–12*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned – every one – to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. By oppression and judgement he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will

divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*from Ps 91*



**R.** His angels keep you in all your ways.

*(All repeat)*



Because you have made the <sup>1</sup> Lord your refuge  
and the Most High your <sup>1</sup> habitation  
there shall no evil happen <sup>1</sup> unto you,  
neither shall any plague come <sup>1</sup> near your  
dwelling. **R.**

For he shall give his angels charge <sup>1</sup> over you,  
to keep you in <sup>1</sup> all your ways.  
They shall bear you <sup>1</sup> in their hands,  
lest you dash your foot a-<sup>1</sup>gainst a stone. **R.**

You shall tread upon the lion <sup>1</sup> and the adder;  
the young lion and the serpent you shall  
trample <sup>1</sup> underfoot.

‘Since he is bound to me in love, I <sup>1</sup> will  
deliver him;

I will protect him, for he <sup>1</sup> knows my  
name. **R.**

‘He shall call upon me and <sup>1</sup> I will answer  
him;

I am with him in trouble, I will rescue him  
and bring <sup>1</sup> him to honour.

With long life will I <sup>1</sup> satisfy him,  
and show him <sup>1</sup> my salvation.’ **R.**

## SECOND READING

*Heb 5.1–10*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and

wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. And no-one takes this honour for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Mk 10.45*

**Alleluia.**

The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve:

and to give his life as a ransom for many.

**Alleluia.**

GOSPEL READING

*Mk 10.35-45*

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.**

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to

drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this offering, Lord, purify us and renew us, so that we may be enabled to do your will and gain everlasting reward; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION

Father of light, in whom is no change or shadow of turning, you give us every good and perfect gift and have brought us to birth by your word of truth: may we be a living sign of that kingdom where your whole creation will be made perfect in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**