

TWENTY- FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

14TH OCTOBER 2018

First Reading

Amos 5:6–7, 10–15

The Book of Amos

⁶ Seek the LORD and live,
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

⁷ Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰ They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

¹¹ Therefore because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.

¹² For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.

¹³ Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.

¹⁴ Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.

¹⁵ Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 90:12–17

- ¹² So teach us to count our days:
that we may gain a wise heart.
- ¹³ Turn, O LORD! How long?:
Have compassion on your servants!
- ¹⁴ Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love:
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
- ¹⁵ Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us:
and as many years as we have seen evil.
- ¹⁶ Let your work be manifest to your servants:
and your glorious power to their children.
- ¹⁷ Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us:
and prosper for us the work of our hands—
O prosper the work of our hands!

Second Reading

Hebrews 4:12–16

The Letter to the Hebrews

¹² Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³ And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. ¹⁴ Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel

Mark 10:17–31

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

- ¹⁷ As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”
- ¹⁸ Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God

alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother.’ ” ²⁰ He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²² When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. ²³ Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.” ²⁸ Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹ Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sentence

There is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for Jesus’ sake, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life.

Mark 10.29-30

Prayer of the day

Merciful God,
in your Son you call not the righteous
but the sinners to repentance:
draw us away from the easy road that leads to destruction,
and guide us into paths that lead to life abundant,
that in seeking your truth, and obeying your will,
we may know the joy of being a disciple of Jesus our Saviour;

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Supplementary Readings

Job 28.12-28

Psalm 90.12-17

Hebrews 4.1-11

Prayer Response

Lord, give us grace,
and help in all our needs.