

TWENTY- SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

21ST OCTOBER 2018

First Reading

Job 38:1–7 (34–41)

The Book of Job

³⁸ Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:
² “Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?
³ Gird up your loins like a man,
I will question you, and you shall declare to me.
⁴ “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell me, if you have understanding.
⁵ Who determined its measurements—surely you know!
Or who stretched the line upon it?
⁶ On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone
⁷ when the morning stars sang together
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?
[³⁴ “Can you lift up your voice to the clouds,
so that a flood of waters may cover you?
³⁵ Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go
and say to you, ‘Here we are’?
³⁶ Who has put wisdom in the inward parts,
or given understanding to the mind?
³⁷ Who has the wisdom to number the clouds?
Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens,
³⁸ when the dust runs into a mass
and the clods cling together?
³⁹ “Can you hunt the prey for the lion,
or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,
⁴⁰ when they crouch in their dens,
or lie in wait in their covert?
⁴¹ Who provides for the raven its prey,
when its young ones cry to God,
and wander about for lack of food?]

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 104:1–9, 24, 35c

- ¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul:
O LORD my God, you are very great.
- ² You are clothed with honour and majesty:
wrapped in light as with a garment.
- ³ You stretch out the heavens like a tent:
you set the beams of your chambers on the waters;
- ⁴ You make the clouds your chariot:
you ride on the wings of the wind;
- ⁵ You make the winds your messengers:
fire and flame your ministers.
- ⁶ You set the earth on its foundations:
so that it shall never be shaken.
- ⁷ You cover it with the deep as with a garment:
the waters stood above the mountains.
- ⁸ At your rebuke they flee:
at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.
- ⁹ They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys:
to the place that you appointed for them.
- ²⁴ O LORD, how manifold are your works!:
In wisdom you have made them all, the earth is full of your
creatures.
- ³⁵ Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no
more:
Bless the LORD, O my soul; Praise the LORD!

Second Reading

Hebrews 5:1–10

The Letter to the Hebrews

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ² He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³ and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴ And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵ So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

⁶as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹ and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰ having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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Thanks be to God

Gospel

Mark 10:35–45

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

³⁵ James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.”

³⁶ And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” ³⁷ And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸ But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” ³⁹ They replied, “We are able.” Then 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; ⁴⁰ 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.” ⁴¹ When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴² So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³ But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sentence

The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Mark 10.45

Prayer of the day

God of unchangeable power,
when the heaven and earth were made,
the morning stars sang together
and the host of heaven shouted for joy:
open our eyes to the wonders of creation
and teach us to use all things for good,
to the honour of your glorious name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Supplementary Readings

Job 40.1-14

Psalm 91.9-16

Hebrews 6.19-7.3

Prayer Response

Lord in heaven,
hear us and help us.