

# TWENTY- THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2018

## First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7–9

### The Book of The Prophet Jeremiah

<sup>7</sup> For thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,  
“Save, O LORD, your people,  
the remnant of Israel.”

<sup>8</sup> See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame,  
those with child and those in labour, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

<sup>9</sup> With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead them back,  
I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;  
for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## **Psalm 126**

A Song of Ascents.

<sup>1</sup> When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion:  
we were like those who dream.

<sup>2</sup> Then our mouth was filled with laughter  
and our tongue with shouts of joy:  
then it was said among the nations,  
“The LORD has done great things for them.”

<sup>3</sup> The LORD has done great things for us:  
and we rejoiced.

<sup>4</sup> Restore our fortunes, O LORD:  
like the watercourses in the Negeb.

<sup>5</sup> May those who sow in tears:  
reap with shouts of joy.

<sup>6</sup> Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing:  
shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

## **Second Reading**

**Hebrews 7:23–28**

### **The Letter to the Hebrews**

<sup>23</sup> Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; <sup>24</sup> but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. <sup>25</sup> Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. <sup>26</sup> For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. <sup>27</sup> Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. <sup>28</sup> For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## **Gospel**

Mark 10:46–52

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>46</sup> They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup> When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>48</sup> Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>49</sup> Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” <sup>50</sup> So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” <sup>52</sup> Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **Sentence**

The redeemed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads.

Isaiah 51.11

## **Prayer of the day**

O God,  
you give light to the blind and comfort to the sorrowing,  
and in your Son you have given us  
a High Priest who has offered the true sacrifice for us  
and yet can sympathise with us in our weakness:  
hear the cry of your people  
and lead us home to our true country,  
where with your Son and the Holy Spirit  
you live and reign, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

## **Supplementary Readings**

Job 42.7-9

Psalm 34.1-8,(19-22)

Hebrews 8.1-6

## **Prayer Response**

Lord, open our eyes,  
**that we may behold your glory.**