

Readings Fifth Sunday After Pentecost 27-06-2021

Sentence

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. Lamentations 3.22–23

Collect

O Christ for whom we search,
our help when help has failed:
give us courage to expose our need
and ask to be made whole,
that, being touched by you,
we may be raised to new life in the power of your name **Amen.**

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

Our first reading is taken from The Second book of Samuel, Chapter 1, beginning at verse 1.

¹ After the death of Saul, when David had returned from defeating the Amalekites, David remained two days in Ziklag.

¹⁷ David intoned this lamentation over Saul and his son Jonathan.

¹⁸ (He ordered that The Song of the Bow be taught to the people of Judah; it is written in the Book of Jashar.) He said:

¹⁹ Your glory, O Israel, lies slain upon your high places! How the mighty have fallen!

²⁰ Tell it not in Gath, proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon; or the daughters of the Philistines will rejoice, the daughters of the uncircumcised will exult.

²¹ You mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew or rain upon you, nor bounteous fields!

For there the shield of the mighty was defiled, the shield of Saul, anointed with oil no more.

²² From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan did not turn back, nor the sword of Saul return empty.

²³ Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely! In life and in death they were not divided;

they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions.

²⁴ O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you with crimson, in luxury,

who put ornaments of gold on your apparel.

²⁵ How the mighty have fallen in the midst of the battle! Jonathan lies slain upon your high places.

²⁶ I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan; greatly beloved were you to me; your love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women.

²⁷ How the mighty have fallen, and the weapons of war perished!

Here the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 130

Our psalm today comes from Psalm 130, I will read one verse, and I invite you to respond with the next verse.

¹ Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord:
Lord, hear my voice;

² **O let your ears consider well:
the voice of my supplication.**

³ If you, Lord, should note what we do wrong:
who then, O Lord, could stand?

⁴ **But there is forgiveness with you:
so that you shall be feared.**

⁵ I wait for the Lord, my soul waits for him:
and in his word is my hope.

⁶ **My soul looks for the Lord: more than watchmen for the
morning,** more, I say, than watchmen for the morning.

⁷ O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy:
and with him is ample redemption.

⁸ **He will redeem Israel:
from the multitude of their sins.**

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Our second reading is taken from The Second Letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 8, beginning at verse 7

⁷ Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

⁸ I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others.

⁹ For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

¹⁰ And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—

¹¹ now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means.

¹² For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have.

¹³ I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between

¹⁴ your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance.

¹⁵ As it is written,

‘The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little.’

Hear the word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

Mark 5:21-43

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark, Chapter 5, beginning at verse 21, **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

²¹ When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered round him; and he was by the lake. ²² Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³ and begged him repeatedly, '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.' ²⁴ So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵ Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶ She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷ She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸ for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.' ²⁹ Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰ Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' ³¹ And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, "Who touched me?"' ³² He looked all round to see who had done it. ³³ But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down

before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴ He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.' ³⁵ While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?' ³⁶ But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, 'Do not fear, only believe.' ³⁷ He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸ When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹ When he had entered, he said to them, 'Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.' ⁴⁰ And they laughed at him. Then 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. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha cum', which means, 'Little girl, get up!' ⁴² And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³ He strictly ordered 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 Lord Jesus Christ.**