

# 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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Proper 21

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## The Collect of the Day

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

## From the Book of Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

<sup>4</sup> Now the rabble that was among them had a strong craving; and the people of Israel also wept again, and said, "O that we had meat to eat!" <sup>5</sup> We remember the fish we ate in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; <sup>6</sup> but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at." ... <sup>10</sup> Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, every man at the door of his tent; and the anger of the LORD blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup> Moses said to the LORD, "Why hast thou dealt ill with thy servant? And why have I not found favor in thy sight, that thou dost lay the burden of all this people upon me?" <sup>12</sup> Did I conceive all this people? Did I bring them forth, that thou shouldst say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries the sucking child, to the land which thou didst swear to give their fathers?' <sup>13</sup> Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, 'Give us meat, that we may eat.' <sup>14</sup> I am not able to carry all this people alone, the burden is too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup> If thou wilt deal thus with me, kill me at once, if I find favor in thy sight, that I may not see my wretchedness." <sup>16</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you..." <sup>24</sup> So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people, and placed them round about the tent. <sup>25</sup>

Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was upon him and put it upon the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did so no more. <sup>26</sup> Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested upon them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup> And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." <sup>28</sup> And Joshua the son of Nun, the minister of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, forbid them." <sup>29</sup> But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his spirit upon them!"

## **Psalms 19:7-14**

*Coeli enarrant*

- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; \* the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; \* the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; \* the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, \* sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, \* and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? \* cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; \* then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, \* O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

## **A Reading from James 4:7-5:6**

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Draw near to God and he will draw near to you.

Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you men of double mind. <sup>9</sup> Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to dejection. <sup>10</sup> Humble yourselves before the Lord and he will exalt you. <sup>11</sup> Do not speak evil against one another, brethren. He that speaks evil against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. <sup>12</sup> There is one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you that you judge your neighbor? <sup>13</sup> Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and get gain"; <sup>14</sup> whereas you do not know about tomorrow. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. <sup>15</sup> Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and we shall do this or that." <sup>16</sup> As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. <sup>17</sup> Whoever knows what is right to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

**5:1** Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. <sup>2</sup> Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. <sup>3</sup> Your gold and silver have rusted, and their rust will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure for the last days. <sup>4</sup> Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out; and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. <sup>5</sup> You have lived on the earth in luxury and in pleasure; you have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. <sup>6</sup> You have condemned, you have killed the righteous man; he does not resist you.

## **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark 9:38-48**

<sup>38</sup> John said to him, "Teacher, we saw a man casting out demons in your name, and we forbade him, because he was not following us."

<sup>39</sup> But Jesus said, "Do not forbid him; for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon after to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup> For he that is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup> For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of

Christ, will by no means lose his reward. <sup>42</sup> "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung round his neck and he were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup> And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>44</sup> <sup>45</sup> And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. <sup>46</sup> <sup>47</sup> And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup> where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.