

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 4

Year B

The Collect of the Day

O God, your never-failing providence sets in order all things both in heaven and earth: Put away from us, we entreat you, all hurtful things, and give us those things which are profitable for us; 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 Deuteronomy 5:6-21

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. ⁷ "You shall have no other gods before me. ⁸ "You shall not make for yourself a graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; ⁹ you shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ¹⁰ but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. ¹¹ "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain: for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. ¹² "Observe the sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. ¹³ Six days you shall labor, and do all your work; ¹⁴ but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; in it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, or your manservant, or your maidservant, or your ox, or your ass, or any of your cattle, or the sojourner who is within your gates, that your manservant and your maidservant may rest as well as you. ¹⁵ You shall remember that you were a servant in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out thence with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day. ¹⁶ "Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God commanded you; that your days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with you, in the land which the

LORD your God gives you. ¹⁷ "You shall not kill. ¹⁸ "Neither shall you commit adultery. ¹⁹ "Neither shall you steal. ²⁰ "Neither shall you bear false witness against your neighbor. ²¹ "Neither shall you covet your neighbor's wife; and you shall not desire your neighbor's house, his field, or his manservant, or his maidservant, his ox, or his ass, or anything that is your neighbor's.

Psalm 81

Exultate Deo

- 1 Sing with joy to God our strength and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.
- 2 Raise a song and sound the timbrel, the merry harp, and the lyre.
- 3 Blow the ram's-horn at the new moon, and at the full moon, the day of our feast.
- 4 For this is a statute for Israel, a law of the God of Jacob.
- 5 He laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, when he came out of the land of Egypt.
- 6 I heard an unfamiliar voice saying, "I eased his shoulder from the burden; his hands were set free from bearing the load."
- 7 You called on me in trouble, and I saved you; I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested you at the waters of Meribah.
- 8 Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you: O Israel, if you would but listen to me!
- 9 There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not worship a foreign god.
- 10 I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, "Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."

A Reading from 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. ⁷ But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. ⁸

We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰ always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. ¹¹ For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. ¹² So death is at work in us, but life in you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark 2:23-28

One sabbath he was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴ And the Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" ²⁵ And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did, when he was in need and was hungry, he and those who were with him: ²⁶ how he entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those who were with him?" ²⁷ And he said to them, "The sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath; ²⁸ so the Son of man is lord even of the sabbath.

