

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

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## The Collect of the Day

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

## A Reading from Job 19:23-27

"Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book! <sup>24</sup> Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were graven in the rock forever! <sup>25</sup> For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at last he will stand upon the earth; <sup>26</sup> and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then from my flesh I shall see God, <sup>27</sup> whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

## Psalm 17:1-8

*Exaudi, Domine*

- 1 Hear my plea of innocence, O Lord;  
    give heed to my cry; \*  
    listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
- 2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence; \*  
    let your eyes be fixed on justice.
- 3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night, \*  
    melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
- 4 I give no offense with my mouth as others do; \*  
    I have heeded the words of your lips.
- 5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; \*  
    in your paths my feet shall not stumble.

6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; \*  
incline your ear to me and hear my words.  
7 Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, \*  
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand  
from those who rise up against them.  
8 Keep me as the apple of your eye; \*  
hide me under the shadow of your wings.

## **A Reading from the 2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5**

But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God chose you from the beginning to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup> To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup> So then, brethren, stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by letter. <sup>16</sup> Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, <sup>17</sup> comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

**3:1** Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed on and triumph, as it did among you, <sup>2</sup> and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men; for not all have faith. <sup>3</sup> But the Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from evil. <sup>4</sup> And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things which we command. <sup>5</sup> May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

## **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke 20:27-38**

There came to him some Sadducees, those who say that there is no resurrection, <sup>28</sup> and they asked him a question, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the wife and raise up children for his brother. <sup>29</sup> Now there were seven brothers; the first took a wife, and died without children; <sup>30</sup> and the second <sup>31</sup> and the

third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died.<sup>32</sup> Afterward the woman also died.<sup>33</sup> In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife."<sup>34</sup> And Jesus said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage;<sup>35</sup> but those who are accounted worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage,<sup>36</sup> for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.<sup>37</sup> But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.<sup>38</sup> Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living; for all live to him."