

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

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Proper 19

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## The Collect of the Day

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*Amen*

## From the Book of Isaiah 50:4-9

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him that is weary. Morning by morning he wakens, he wakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup> The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I turned not backward. <sup>6</sup> I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I hid not my face from shame and spitting. <sup>7</sup> For the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been confounded; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; <sup>8</sup> he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. <sup>9</sup> Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

## Psalm 116:1-8

*Dilexi, quoniam*

- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \* because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; \* I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: \* "O Lord, I pray you, save my life."
- 4 Gracious is the Lord and righteous; \* our God is full of

compassion.

5 The Lord watches over the innocent; \* I was brought very low,  
and he helped me.

6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, \* for the Lord has treated you  
well.

7 For you have rescued my life from death, \* my eyes from tears,  
and my feet from stumbling.

8 I will walk in the presence of the Lord \* in the land of the living.

### **A Reading from James 2:1-5, 8-10, 14-18**

My brethren, show no partiality as you hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. <sup>2</sup> For if a man with gold rings and in fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, <sup>3</sup> and you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "Have a seat here, please," while you say to the poor man, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," <sup>4</sup> have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup> Listen, my beloved brethren. Has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which he has promised to those who love him? ... <sup>8</sup> If you really fulfil the royal law, according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well. <sup>9</sup> But if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup> For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it... <sup>14</sup> What does it profit, my brethren, if a man says he has faith but has not works? Can his faith save him? <sup>15</sup> If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food, <sup>16</sup> and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit? <sup>17</sup> So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. <sup>18</sup> But some one will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith.

## **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark 8:27-38**

And Jesus went on with his disciples, to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do men say that I am?" <sup>28</sup> And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup> And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." <sup>30</sup> And he charged them to tell no one about him. <sup>31</sup> And he began to teach them that the Son of man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> And he said this plainly. And Peter took him and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter, and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not on the side of God, but of men." <sup>34</sup> And he called to him the multitude with his disciples, and said to them, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. <sup>36</sup> For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? <sup>37</sup> For what can a man give in return for his life? <sup>38</sup> For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."