

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 18

Year A

The Collect of the Day

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*

A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel 33:1-11

The word of the LORD came to me: ² "Son of man, speak to your people and say to them, If I bring the sword upon a land, and the people of the land take a man from among them, and make him their watchman; ³ and if he sees the sword coming upon the land and blows the trumpet and warns the people; ⁴ then if any one who hears the sound of the trumpet does not take warning, and the sword comes and takes him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. ⁵ He heard the sound of the trumpet, and did not take warning; his blood shall be upon himself. But if he had taken warning, he would have saved his life. ⁶ But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, so that the people are not warned, and the sword comes, and takes any one of them; that man is taken away in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at the watchman's hand. ⁷ "So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸ If I say to the wicked, O wicked man, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way; he shall die in his iniquity, but you will have saved your life. ¹⁰ "And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: `Our transgressions and our sins are

upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live? ¹¹ Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Psalm 119:33-40

Legem pone

33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.

35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.

36 Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.

37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.

38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.

39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.

40 Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

A Reading from Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰
love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in
showing honor. ¹¹ Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit,
serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be
constant in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints,
practice hospitality. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and
do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with
those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be

haughty, but associate with the lowly; never be conceited. ¹⁷
Repay no one evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the
sight of all. ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends upon you, live
peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave
it to the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will
repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ No, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if
he is thirsty, give him drink; for by so doing you will heap burning
coals upon his head." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but
overcome evil with good.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew 18:15-20

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between
you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your
brother. ¹⁶ But if he does not listen, take one or two others along
with you, that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of
two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to
the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him
be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly, I say to you,
whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and
whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again I
say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it
will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or
three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them."