

Readings + 22nd Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 30 B + October 24, 2021

Prayer of the Day

Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

First Reading Jeremiah 31:7-9

⁷ [T]hus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
“Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”

⁸ See, I am going to bring them from the land of
the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the
earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

⁹ With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Psalmody Psalm 126

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and
our tongue with shouts of joy. Then they
said among the nations, “The LORD has
done great things for them.”**

The LORD has done great things for us, and we
are glad indeed.

**Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the
watercourses of the Negeb.**

Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs
of joy.

**Those who go out weeping, carrying the
seed, will come again with joy, shouldering
their sheaves.**

Second Reading Hebrews 7:23-28

²³ The former priests were many in number,
because they were prevented by death from
continuing in office; ²⁴ but he holds his
priesthood permanently, because he continues
forever. ²⁵ Consequently he is able for all time to
save those who approach God through him, since
he always lives to make intercession for them.

²⁶ For it was fitting that we should have such a
high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated
from sinners, and exalted above the heavens.
²⁷ Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to
offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own
sins, and then for those of the people; this he did
once for all when he offered himself. ²⁸ For the
law appoints as high priests those who are subject
to weakness, but the word of the oath, which
came later than the law, appoints a Son who has
been made perfect forever.

Holy Gospel Mark 10:46-52

*This is told by Matthew, Mark, and Luke;
Mark's is the most detailed, and includes the name
(or at least the father's name) of the man who was
blind.*

⁴⁶ As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd
were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus,
a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷
When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he
began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David,
have mercy on me!” ⁴⁸ Many sternly ordered him
to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly,
“Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁹ Jesus stood
still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the
blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he
is calling you.” ⁵⁰ So throwing off his cloak, he
sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ Then Jesus said to
him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The
blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see
again.” ⁵² Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has
made you well.” Immediately he regained his
sight and followed him on the way.