

# Readings + 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 21 C + August 21, 2022

## Prayer of the Day

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

## First Reading Isaiah 58:9b-14

If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
<sup>10</sup> if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.  
<sup>11</sup> The LORD will guide you continually,  
and satisfy your needs in parched places,  
and make your bones strong;  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water,  
whose waters never fail.  
<sup>12</sup> Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many  
generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.  
<sup>13</sup> If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,  
from pursuing your own interests on my holy  
day;  
if you call the sabbath a delight  
and the holy day of the LORD honorable;  
if you honor it, not going your own ways,  
serving your own interests, or pursuing your  
own affairs;  
<sup>14</sup> then you shall take delight in the LORD,  
and I will make you ride upon the heights of  
the earth;  
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor  
Jacob,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

## Psalmody Psalm 103:1-8

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within  
me, bless God's holy name.  
**Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all  
God's benefits—**  
who forgives all your sins and heals all your  
diseases;  
**who redeems your life from the grave and  
crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**  
who satisfies your desires with good things so  
that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.  
**O LORD, you provide vindication and justice  
for all who are oppressed.**  
You made known your ways to Moses and your  
works to the children of Israel.  
**LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast  
love.**

## Second Reading Hebrews 12:18-29

<sup>18</sup> You have not come to something that can  
be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and  
gloom, and a tempest, <sup>19</sup> and the sound of a  
trumpet, and a voice whose words made the  
hearers beg that not another word be spoken to  
them. <sup>20</sup> (For they could not endure the order that  
was given, "If even an animal touches the  
mountain, it shall be stoned to death.") <sup>21</sup> Indeed,  
so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I  
tremble with fear.") <sup>22</sup> But you have come to  
Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the  
heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in  
festal gathering, <sup>23</sup> and to the assembly of the  
firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God  
the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous  
made perfect, <sup>24</sup> and to Jesus, the mediator of a  
new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that  
speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

<sup>25</sup> See that you do not refuse the one who is  
speaking; for if they did not escape when they  
refused the one who warned them on earth, how  
much less will we escape if we reject the one who  
warns from heaven! <sup>26</sup> At that time his voice  
shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet  
once more I will shake not only the earth but also

the heaven.”<sup>27</sup> This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken – that is, created things – so that what cannot be shaken may remain.<sup>28</sup> Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe;<sup>29</sup> for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

## **Holy Gospel** Luke 13:10-17

*This story is very familiar, but only Luke tells it.*

<sup>10</sup> Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. <sup>11</sup> And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman,

you are set free from your ailment.” <sup>13</sup> When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup> But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” <sup>15</sup> But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? <sup>16</sup> And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?” <sup>17</sup> When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.