

Readings + 17th Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 27 C + October 2, 2022

Prayer of the Day

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

First Reading Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

¹ The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

² O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you “Violence!”
and you will not save?

³ Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

⁴ So the law becomes slack
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous –
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

² ¹ I will stand at my watchpost,
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,
and what he will answer concerning my
complaint.

² Then the LORD answered me and said:
Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

³ For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.

⁴ Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith.

Psalmody Psalm 37:1-9

Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be
jealous of those who do wrong.

**For they shall soon wither like the grass, and
like the green grass fade away.**

Put your trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in
the land and find safe pasture.

**Take delight in the LORD, who shall give you
your heart’s desire.**

Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in
the LORD, and see what God will do.

**The LORD will make your vindication as clear
as the light and the justice of your case like
the noonday sun.**

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently. Do
not be provoked by the one who prospers, the
one who succeeds in evil schemes.

**Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not
be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope
in the LORD shall possess the land.

Second Reading 2 Timothy 1:1-14

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of
God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in
Christ Jesus, ² to Timothy, my beloved child:
Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father
and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³ I am grateful to God – whom I worship with
a clear conscience, as my ancestors did – when I
remember you constantly in my prayers night and
day. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so
that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of
your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your
grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and
now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶ For this reason I
remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is
within you through the laying on of my hands;
⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice,
but rather a spirit of power and of love and of
self-discipline.

⁸ Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony
about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join
with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the
power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us with
a holy calling, not according to our works but
according to his own purpose and grace. This
grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the
ages began, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed
through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus,

who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹² and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Holy Gospel Luke 17:5-10

Luke: ⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” *Luke, Matt.:* ⁶The Lord

replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you. (*Matthew has “mountain,” not tree.*)

Luke: ⁷“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table?’ ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink?’ ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’”