

**WEEK OF OCTOBER 16, 2022**

Readings, Sermon Notes, Prayers, Hymns  
To Study and Share with those You Love.

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**The Holy  
Spirit speaks  
to us  
through the  
MEANS OF  
GRACE**

Hymn of Invocation. **How Can I Thank You, Lord** 703

+ **The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.** +  
**INTROIT PSALM 74**

Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old,\* which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage! **Remember this, O LORD, how the enemy scoffs,\* and a foolish people reviles your name.** Do not deliver the soul of your dove to the wild beasts;\* do not forget the life of your poor forever. **Let not the downtrodden turn back in shame;\* let the poor and needy praise your name.** Have regard for the covenant;\* arise, O God, defend your cause. **Glory to the Father and to the Son\* and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning,\* is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**PSALM 121**

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? **My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.** He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. **Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.** The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand. **The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.** The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

**The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever, Amen.**

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**SELECTED READINGS 16 OCTOBER 2022)**

Genesis 32:22–30. 2 Timothy 3:14–4:5 Luke 18:1–8

***Faith Clings to the Word and Promises of God and Perseveres in Prayer***

- “Left alone,” Jacob wrestled through the night with the Lord, “until the breaking of the day”. Though “Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him” he would not let go until the Lord blessed him. At times, we, too, strive with God; He strives with us and blesses us by grace. (Gen. 32:22-30)
- So Jesus teaches us “always to pray and not lose heart” Jesus speaks of “a judge who neither feared God nor respected man” and of a widow “who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary’”. Because of her persistence, the judge agreed to “give her justice”. Our Lord dispenses justice generously and swiftly, giving “justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night”. He does so according to the Gospel. (Luke 18:1-8).
- Therefore, His ministers are to persevere faithfully in their vocation, in what they “have learned and have firmly believed”. On the basis of “the sacred writings”, they are to “preach the word” at all times and not lose heart. (2 Tim. 4:2).

**CONFESSION OF OUR COMMON FAITH: THE NICENE CREED**

Hymn of the Day. **I Trust, O Lord, Your Holy Name** 734

**SERMON NOTES**

**Thoroughly Equipped** 2 Timothy 3:16-17

**Every Scripture passage is inspired by God. All of them are useful for teaching, pointing out errors, correcting people, and training them for a life that has God’s approval. They equip God’s servants so that they are completely prepared to do good things.**

Through the Sacred Scriptures complete inspiration, we find them to be completely useful for accomplishing God's purpose and ourselves completely prepared to do the good works He has made for us to walk in.

1. **God's Word: complete inspiration, inerrancy, and authority**
  1. Incarnational theology: we see God at work in what He has made.
  2. Through means of grace, the Holy Spirit speaks to us
2. **God's Word: complete usefulness**
  1. For teaching and pointing out errors
  2. For correcting people and training them for a good life
3. **God's Word: makes God's servants completely prepared for good works**
  1. We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus
  2. He has shown you, O Man, what is good

**PRAAYER OF THE CHURCH 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. 16 OCTOBER 2022**

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, the righteous call to You day and night, and You answer them speedily. Grant us faith to rest securely in Your mercy and justice as we await the coming of the Son of Man. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, Timothy was charged to preach the Word in season and out. Grant us faithful pastors who will answer Your call and be faithful voices, speaking Your Word to those who have not heard it, to those lost in error, to those who have fallen away and to those who are weary. Bless all those in full-time service to Your Church, and raise up many who will serve the generations to come. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You have caused the sacred writings of Your Word to be proclaimed through all generations. Encourage and strengthen parents to teach Your Word to their children, that Your people may be trained in righteousness and equipped for every good work. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Judge of all, grant justice according to Your Word to those who suffer wrong. Give wisdom and understanding to the leaders of all nations, especially our own, that they may punish evil and reward good, fearing God and respecting man. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father, because You neither slumber nor sleep, deliver us from evil. Especially we beg You to keep the lives of those who face sickness, injuries and troubles [*including* \_\_\_\_\_]. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, You behold our going in and our coming out, both now and forevermore. Grant us repentant hearts as we approach Your altar this day, that confident in Your protection and grace, we may receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for our good. May this pledge of salvation preserve our life, keep us from all evil and guard us in all our ways. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, You desire us to come to You in prayer and not lose heart in the midst of suffering. As we struggle with many afflictions in this vale of tears, strengthen us by the suffering and cross of Your Son. Have mercy on us when our spirits fail and we are overwhelmed by despair. Renew our faith by the proclamation of the Gospel to cry to You in hope day and night. You are our Keeper. Guard us when death draws near, and grant that we would be found faithful on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**