

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 14, 2022

First Lesson*

(Introduce the lesson by saying):
Our first lesson is from the book of Jeremiah, the 23rd chapter.

23Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? 24Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. 25 I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, “I have dreamed, I have dreamed!”

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26 How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? 27 They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. 28 Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. 29 Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Gospel*

(Introduce the Gospel by saying):
A Reading from The Holy Gospel
according to St. Luke, the 12th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: 49“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! 50I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! 51Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! 52From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three;

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53they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.” 54He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. 55And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. 56You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Luke 12:49-56

Psalmody

(Introduce the Psalm by saying):

We will read from Psalm 82. We will read it responsively.

1 God stands to charge the divine council assembled, giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

2 “How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked?”

3 Save the weak and the orphan;
defend the humble and needy;

**4 rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

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5They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

6Now I say to you, 'You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High;

7nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.' ”

8Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own.

Psalm 82

Second Lesson

(Introduce the lesson by saying):

Our second lesson is from the book of Hebrews, the 11th chapter.

29By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. 30By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. 31By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. 32And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—

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33who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, 34quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. 35Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. 36Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. 37They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—

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38of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. 39Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, 40since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

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2 looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Hebrews 11:29--12:2