

*Proper 10*  
**Morning Prayer Readings for July 13 through July 17**  
**Monday July 13, 2020**

Please turn to **page 614**. We'll say **Psalm 25** together

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.*
  
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.*
  
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  
and teach me your paths.*
  
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.*
  
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.*
  
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.*
  
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.*
  
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.*

**9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

**10 For your Name's sake, O LORD, \*  
forgive my sin, for it is great.**

**11 Who are they who fear the LORD? \*  
he will teach them the way that they should choose.**

**12 They shall dwell in prosperity, \*  
and their offspring shall inherit the land.**

**13 The LORD is a friend to those who fear him \*  
and will show them his covenant.**

**14 My eyes are ever looking to the LORD, \*  
for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.**

**15 Turn to me and have pity on me, \*  
for I am left alone and in misery.**

**16 The sorrows of my heart have increased; \*  
bring me out of my troubles.**

**17 Look upon my adversity and misery \*  
and forgive me all my sin.**

**18 Look upon my enemies, for they are many, \*  
and they bear a violent hatred against me.**

**19 Protect my life and deliver me; \*  
let me not be put to shame, for I have trusted in you.**

*20 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, \*  
for my hope has been in you.*

*21 Deliver Israel, O God, \*  
out of all his troubles.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen*

The first lesson is from **Joshua 1:1-18**

<sup>1:1</sup> After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying, <sup>2</sup>'My servant Moses is dead. Now proceed to cross the Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the Israelites. <sup>3</sup>Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, as I promised to Moses. <sup>4</sup>From the wilderness and the Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, to the Great Sea in the west shall be your territory. <sup>5</sup>No one shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. <sup>6</sup>Be strong and courageous; for you shall put this people in possession of the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them. <sup>7</sup>Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. <sup>8</sup>This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. <sup>9</sup>I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.'

<sup>10</sup> Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, <sup>11</sup>'Pass through the camp, and command the people: "Prepare your provisions; for in three days you are to cross over the Jordan, to go in to take possession of the land that the Lord your God gives you to possess." '

<sup>12</sup> To the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh Joshua said,  
<sup>13</sup>“Remember the word that Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you, saying,  
“The Lord your God is providing you a place of rest, and will give you this land.”  
<sup>14</sup>Your wives, your little ones, and your livestock shall remain in the land that  
Moses gave you beyond the Jordan. But all the warriors among you shall cross over  
armed before your kindred and shall help them, <sup>15</sup>until the Lord gives rest to your  
kindred as well as to you, and they too take possession of the land that the Lord  
your God is giving them. Then you shall return to your own land and take  
possession of it, the land that Moses the servant of the Lord gave you beyond the  
Jordan to the east.’

<sup>16</sup> They answered Joshua: ‘All that you have commanded us we will do, and  
wherever you send us we will go. <sup>17</sup>Just as we obeyed Moses in all things, so we  
will obey you. Only may the Lord your God be with you, as he was with Moses!  
<sup>18</sup>Whoever rebels against your orders and disobeys your words, whatever you  
command, shall be put to death. Only be strong and courageous.’

The word of the Lord  
*Thanks be to God*

The second lesson is from **Romans 11:1-12**

<sup>11:1</sup> I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite,  
a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2</sup>God has not rejected  
his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah,  
how he pleads with God against Israel? <sup>3</sup>“Lord, they have killed your prophets, they  
have demolished your altars; I alone am left, and they are seeking my life.’ <sup>4</sup>But  
what is the divine reply to him? ‘I have kept for myself seven thousand who have  
not bowed the knee to Baal.’ <sup>5</sup>So too at the present time there is a remnant, chosen  
by grace. <sup>6</sup>But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace  
would no longer be grace.

<sup>7</sup> What then? Israel failed to obtain what it was seeking. The elect obtained it, but  
the rest were hardened, <sup>8</sup>as it is written,

‘God gave them a sluggish spirit,  
eyes that would not see  
and ears that would not hear,  
down to this very day.’

<sup>9</sup>And David says,

‘Let their table become a snare and a trap,  
a stumbling-block and a retribution for them;

<sup>10</sup> let their eyes be darkened so that they cannot see,  
and keep their backs for ever bent.’

<sup>11</sup> So I ask, have they stumbled so as to fall? By no means! But through their stumbling salvation has come to the Gentiles, so as to make Israel jealous. <sup>12</sup>Now if their stumbling means riches for the world, and if their defeat means riches for Gentiles, how much more will their full inclusion mean!

The word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God*

The third lesson is from **Matthew 25:1-13**

<sup>25:1</sup> ‘Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, “Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.” <sup>7</sup>Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish said to the wise, “Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.” <sup>9</sup>But the wise replied, “No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.” <sup>10</sup>And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, “Lord, lord, open to us.” <sup>12</sup>But he replied, “Truly I tell you, I do not know you.” <sup>13</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

The word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God*

## **The Collect for Proper 10**

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**Morning Prayer Readings**  
**Tuesday July 7, 2020**

Please turn to **page 616**. We'll say **Psalms 26 and 28** together

- 1 Give judgment for me, O LORD,  
for I have lived with integrity; \*  
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.**
  
- 2 Test me, O LORD, and try me; \*  
examine my heart and my mind.**
  
- 3 For your love is before my eyes; \*  
I have walked faithfully with you.**
  
- 4 I have not sat with the worthless, \*  
nor do I consort with the deceitful.**
  
- 5 I have hated the company of evildoers; \*  
I will not sit down with the wicked.**
  
- 6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, \*  
that I may go in procession round your altar,**
  
- 7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving \*  
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.**
  
- 8 LORD, I love the house in which you dwell \*  
and the place where your glory abides.**
  
- 9 Do not sweep me away with sinners, \*  
nor my life with those who thirst for blood,**
  
- 10 Whose hands are full of evil plots, \*  
and their right hand full of bribes.**

*11 As for me, I will live with integrity; \*  
redeem me, O LORD, and have pity on me.*

*12 My foot stands on level ground; \*  
in the full assembly I will bless the LORD.*

**Psalm 28 – Page 619**

*1 O LORD, I call to you;  
my Rock, do not be deaf to my cry; \*  
lest, if you do not hear me,  
I become like those who go down to the Pit.*

*2 Hear the voice of my prayer when I cry out to you, \*  
when I lift up my hands to your holy of holies.*

*3 Do not snatch me away with the wicked or with the  
evildoers, \*  
who speak peaceably with their neighbors,  
while strife is in their hearts.*

*4 Repay them according to their deeds, \*  
and according to the wickedness of their actions.*

*5 According to the work of their hands repay them, \*  
and give them their just deserts.*

*6 They have no understanding of the LORD'S doings,  
nor of the works of his hands; \*  
therefore he will break them down and not  
build them up.*

*7 Blessed is the LORD! \*  
for he has heard the voice of my prayer.*

**8 The LORD is my strength and my shield; \*  
my heart trusts in him, and I have been helped;**

**9 Therefore my heart dances for joy, \*  
and in my song will I praise him.**

**10 The LORD is the strength of his people, \*  
a safe refuge for his anointed.**

**11 Save your people and bless your inheritance; \*  
shepherd them and carry them for ever.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen**

## The first lesson is from **Joshua 2:15-24**

<sup>2:15</sup> Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was on the outer side of the city wall and she resided within the wall itself. <sup>16</sup>She said to them, ‘Go towards the hill country, so that the pursuers may not come upon you. Hide yourselves there for three days, until the pursuers have returned; then afterwards you may go on your way.’ <sup>17</sup>The men said to her, ‘We will be released from this oath that you have made us swear to you <sup>18</sup>if we invade the land and you do not tie this crimson cord in the window through which you let us down, and you do not gather into your house your father and mother, your brothers, and all your family. <sup>19</sup>If any of you go out of the doors of your house into the street, they shall be responsible for their own death, and we shall be innocent; but if a hand is laid upon any who are with you in the house, we shall bear the responsibility for their death. <sup>20</sup>But if you tell this business of ours, then we shall be released from this oath that you made us swear to you.’ <sup>21</sup>She said, ‘According to your words, so be it.’ She sent them away and they departed. Then she tied the crimson cord in the window.

<sup>22</sup> They departed and went into the hill country and stayed there for three days, until the pursuers returned. The pursuers had searched all along the way and found nothing. <sup>23</sup>Then the two men came down again from the hill country. They crossed over, came to Joshua son of Nun, and told him all that had happened to them. <sup>24</sup>They said to Joshua, ‘Truly the Lord has given all the land into our hands; moreover, all the inhabitants of the land melt in fear before us.’

The word of the Lord

***Thanks be to God***

## The second lesson is from **Romans 11:13-24**

<sup>11:13</sup> Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I glorify my ministry <sup>14</sup>in order to make my own people jealous, and thus save some of them. <sup>15</sup>For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead! <sup>16</sup>If the part of the dough offered as first fruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; and if the root is holy, then the branches also are holy.

<sup>17</sup> But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, a wild olive shoot, were grafted in their place to share the rich root of the olive tree, <sup>18</sup>do not vaunt yourselves over the branches. If you do vaunt yourselves, remember that it is not you that support the root, but the root that supports you. <sup>19</sup>You will say, 'Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.' <sup>20</sup>That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand only through faith. So do not become proud, but stand in awe. <sup>21</sup>For if God did not spare the natural branches, perhaps he will not spare you. <sup>22</sup>Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity towards those who have fallen, but God's kindness towards you, provided you continue in his kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off. <sup>23</sup>And even those of Israel, if they do not persist in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. <sup>24</sup>For if you have been cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these natural branches be grafted back into their own olive tree.

The word of the Lord

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## The third lesson is from **Matthew 25:14-30**

<sup>25:14</sup> ‘For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, “Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.” <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” <sup>22</sup>And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, “Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.” <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” <sup>24</sup>Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” <sup>26</sup>But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

The word of the Lord

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## **The Collect for Proper 10**

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*

**Morning Prayer Readings**  
**Wednesday July 8, 2020**

Please turn to **page 636**. We'll say **Psalm 38** together

- 1 O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger; \*  
do not punish me in your wrath.*
- 2 For your arrows have already pierced me, \*  
and your hand presses hard upon me.*
- 3 There is no health in my flesh,  
because of your indignation; \*  
there is no soundness in my body, because of my sin.*
- 4 For my iniquities overwhelm me; \*  
like a heavy burden they are too much for me to bear.*
- 5 My wounds stink and fester \*  
by reason of my foolishness.*
- 6 I am utterly bowed down and prostrate; \*  
I go about in mourning all the day long.*
- 7 My loins are filled with searing pain; \*  
there is no health in my body.*
- 8 I am utterly numb and crushed; \*  
I wail, because of the groaning of my heart.*
- 9 O Lord, you know all my desires, \*  
and my sighing is not hidden from you.*
- 10 My heart is pounding, my strength has failed me, \*  
and the brightness of my eyes is gone from me.*

*11 My friends and companions draw back from my affliction; \*  
my neighbors stand afar off.*

*12 Those who seek after my life lay snares for me; \*  
those who strive to hurt me speak of my ruin  
and plot treachery all the day long.*

*13 But I am like the deaf who do not hear, \*  
like those who are mute and who do not open their mouth.*

*14 I have become like one who does not hear \*  
and from whose mouth comes no defense.*

*15 For in you, O LORD, have I fixed my hope; \*  
you will answer me, O Lord my God.*

*16 For I said, "Do not let them rejoice at my expense, \*  
those who gloat over me when my foot slips."*

*17 Truly, I am on the verge of falling, \*  
and my pain is always with me.*

*18 I will confess my iniquity \*  
and be sorry for my sin.*

*19 Those who are my enemies without cause are mighty, \*  
and many in number are those who wrongfully hate me.*

*20 Those who repay evil for good slander me, \*  
because I follow the course that is right.*

*21 O LORD, do not forsake me; \*  
be not far from me, O my God.*

*22 Make haste to help me, \*  
O Lord of my salvation.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen*

The first lesson is from **Joshua 3:1-13**

<sup>3:1</sup> Early in the morning Joshua rose and set out from Shittim with all the Israelites, and they came to the Jordan. They camped there before crossing over. <sup>2</sup>At the end of three days the officers went through the camp <sup>3</sup>and commanded the people, ‘When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God being carried by the levitical priests, then you shall set out from your place. Follow it, <sup>4</sup>so that you may know the way you should go, for you have not passed this way before. Yet there shall be a space between you and it, a distance of about two thousand cubits; do not come any nearer to it.’ <sup>5</sup>Then Joshua said to the people, ‘Sanctify yourselves; for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you.’ <sup>6</sup>To the priests Joshua said, ‘Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass on in front of the people.’ So they took up the ark of the covenant and went in front of the people.

<sup>7</sup> The Lord said to Joshua, ‘This day I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, so that they may know that I will be with you as I was with Moses. <sup>8</sup>You are the one who shall command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, “When you come to the edge of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.”’ <sup>9</sup>Joshua then said to the Israelites, ‘Draw near and hear the words of the Lord your God.’ <sup>10</sup>Joshua said, ‘By this you shall know that among you is the living God who without fail will drive out from before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites, and Jebusites: <sup>11</sup>the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is going to pass before you into the Jordan. <sup>12</sup>So now select twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe. <sup>13</sup>When the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan flowing from above shall be cut off; they shall stand in a single heap.’

The word of the Lord  
*Thanks be to God*

## The second lesson is from **Romans 11:25-36**

<sup>11:25</sup> So that you may not claim to be wiser than you are, brothers and sisters, I want you to understand this mystery: a hardening has come upon part of Israel, until the full number of the Gentiles has come in. <sup>26</sup>And so all Israel will be saved; as it is written,

‘Out of Zion will come the Deliverer;  
he will banish ungodliness from Jacob.’

<sup>27</sup> ‘And this is my covenant with them,  
when I take away their sins.’

<sup>28</sup>As regards the gospel they are enemies of God for your sake; but as regards election they are beloved, for the sake of their ancestors; <sup>29</sup>for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup>Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup>so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup>For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

<sup>33</sup> O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgements and how inscrutable his ways!

<sup>34</sup> ‘For who has known the mind of the Lord?  
Or who has been his counsellor?’

<sup>35</sup> ‘Or who has given a gift to him,  
to receive a gift in return?’

<sup>36</sup>For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory for ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord

***Thanks be to God***

## The third lesson is from **Matthew 25:31-46**

<sup>25:31</sup> ‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup>and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” <sup>40</sup>And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” <sup>41</sup>Then he will say to those at his left hand, “You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.” <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?” <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

The word of the Lord

***Thanks be to God***

## **The Collect for Proper 10**

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

**Morning Prayer Readings**  
**Thursday July 9, 2020**

Please turn to **page 633**. We'll say a portion of **Psalm 37 (1-18)** together

- 1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; \*  
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.*
- 2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, \*  
and like the green grass fade away.*
- 3 Put your trust in the LORD and do good; \*  
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.*
- 4 Take delight in the LORD, \*  
and he shall give you your heart's desire.*
- 5 Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him,  
\*  
and he will bring it to pass.*
- 6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light \*  
and your just dealing as the noonday.*
- 7 Be still before the LORD \*  
and wait patiently for him.*
- 8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, \*  
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.*
- 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage  
alone; \*  
do not fret yourself; it leads  
only to evil.*

*10 For evildoers shall be cut off, \*  
but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.*

*11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; \*  
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.*

*12 But the lowly shall possess the land; \*  
they will delight in abundance of peace.*

*13 The wicked plot against the righteous \*  
and gnash at them with their teeth.*

*14 The Lord laughs at the wicked, \*  
because he sees that their day will come.*

*15 The wicked draw their sword and bend their bow  
to strike down the poor and needy, \*  
to slaughter those who are upright in their ways.*

*16 Their sword shall go through their own heart, \*  
and their bow shall be broken.*

*17 The little that the righteous has \*  
is better than great riches of the wicked.*

*18 For the power of the wicked shall be broken, \*  
but the LORD upholds the righteous.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen*

The first lesson is from **Joshua 3:14-4:7**

<sup>3:14</sup> When the people set out from their tents to cross over the Jordan, the priests bearing the ark of the covenant were in front of the people. <sup>15</sup>Now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest. So when those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the edge of the water, <sup>16</sup>the waters flowing from above stood still, rising up in a single heap far off at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, while those flowing towards the sea of the Arabah, the Dead Sea, were wholly cut off. Then the people crossed over opposite Jericho. <sup>17</sup>While all Israel were crossing over on dry ground, the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, until the entire nation finished crossing over the Jordan.

<sup>4</sup> When the entire nation had finished crossing over the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua: <sup>2</sup>“Select twelve men from the people, one from each tribe, <sup>3</sup>and command them, “Take twelve stones from here out of the middle of the Jordan, from the place where the priests’ feet stood, carry them over with you, and lay them down in the place where you camp tonight.” ’ <sup>4</sup>Then Joshua summoned the twelve men from the Israelites, whom he had appointed, one from each tribe. <sup>5</sup>Joshua said to them, ‘Pass on before the ark of the Lord your God into the middle of the Jordan, and each of you take up a stone on his shoulder, one for each of the tribes of the Israelites, <sup>6</sup>so that this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, “What do those stones mean to you?” <sup>7</sup>then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off in front of the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the Israelites a memorial for ever.’

The word of the Lord

***Thanks be to God***

## The second lesson is from **Romans 12:1-8**

<sup>12:1</sup> I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

<sup>3</sup> For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup>We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup>ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God*

## The third lesson is from **Matthew 26:1-16**

<sup>26:1</sup> When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples, <sup>2</sup>‘You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.’

<sup>3</sup> Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, <sup>4</sup>and they conspired to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. <sup>5</sup>But they said, ‘Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.’

<sup>6</sup> Now while Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, <sup>7</sup>a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, and she poured it on his head as he sat at the table. <sup>8</sup>But when the disciples saw it, they were angry and said, ‘Why this waste? <sup>9</sup>For this ointment could have been sold for a large sum, and the money given to the poor.’ <sup>10</sup>But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, ‘Why do you trouble the woman? She has performed a good service for me. <sup>11</sup>For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. <sup>12</sup>By pouring this ointment on my body she has prepared me for burial. <sup>13</sup>Truly I tell you, wherever this good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.’

<sup>14</sup> Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests <sup>15</sup>and said, ‘What will you give me if I betray him to you?’ They paid him thirty pieces of silver. <sup>16</sup>And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

The word of the Lord

***Thanks be to God***

## **The Collect for Proper 10**

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen***

**Morning Prayer Readings**  
**Friday July 10, 2020**

Please turn to **page 622**. We'll say **Psalm 31** together

- 1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame; \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.*
  
- 2 Incline your ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me.*
  
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.*
  
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
for you are my tower of strength.*
  
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me,  
O LORD, O God of truth.*
  
- 6 I hate those who cling to worthless idols, \*  
and I put my trust in the LORD.*
  
- 7 I will rejoice and be glad because of your mercy; \*  
for you have seen my affliction;  
you know my distress.*
  
- 8 You have not shut me up in the power of the enemy; \*  
you have set my feet in an open place.*

*9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; \*  
my eye is consumed with sorrow,  
and also my throat and my belly.*

*10 For my life is wasted with grief,  
and my years with sighing; \*  
my strength fails me because of affliction,  
and my bones are consumed.*

*11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and  
even to my neighbors,  
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; \*  
when they see me in the street they avoid me.*

*12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; \*  
I am as useless as a broken pot.*

*13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;  
fear is all around; \*  
they put their heads together against me;  
they plot to take my life.*

*14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. \*  
I have said, "You are my God.*

*15 My times are in your hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.*

*16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your loving-kindness save me."*

*17 LORD, let me not be ashamed for having called upon you; \*  
rather, let the wicked be put to shame;  
let them be silent in the grave.*

*18 Let the lying lips be silenced which speak against  
the righteous, \*  
haughtily, disdainfully, and with contempt.*

*19 How great is your goodness, O LORD!  
which you have laid up for those who fear you; \*  
which you have done in the sight of all  
for those who put their trust in you.*

*20 You hide them in the covert of your presence from those  
who slander them; \*  
you keep them in your shelter from the strife of tongues.*

*21 Blessed be the LORD! \*  
for he has shown me the wonders of his love in a  
besieged city.*

*22 Yet I said in my alarm,  
I have been cut off from the sight of your eyes." \*  
Nevertheless, you heard the sound of my entreaty  
when I cried out to you.*

*23 Love the LORD, all you who worship him; \*  
the LORD protects the faithful,  
but repays to the full those who act haughtily.*

*24 Be strong and let your heart take courage, \*  
all you who wait for the LORD.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen*

The first lesson is from **Joshua 4:19 – 5:1, 10-15**

<sup>4:19</sup> The people came up out of the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, and they camped in Gilgal on the eastern border of Jericho. <sup>20</sup>Those twelve stones, which they had taken out of the Jordan, Joshua set up in Gilgal, <sup>21</sup>saying to the Israelites, ‘When your children ask their parents in time to come, “What do these stones mean?” <sup>22</sup>then you shall let your children know, “Israel crossed over the Jordan here on dry ground.” <sup>23</sup>For the Lord your God dried up the waters of the Jordan for you until you crossed over, as the Lord your God did to the Red Sea, which he dried up for us until we crossed over, <sup>24</sup>so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the Lord is mighty, and so that you may fear the Lord your God for ever.’

<sup>5</sup> When all the kings of the Amorites beyond the Jordan to the west, and all the kings of the Canaanites by the sea, heard that the Lord had dried up the waters of the Jordan for the Israelites until they had crossed over, their hearts failed, and there was no longer any spirit in them, because of the Israelites.

<sup>10</sup> While the Israelites were encamped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. <sup>11</sup>On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. <sup>12</sup>The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

<sup>13</sup> Once when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing before him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went to him and said to him, ‘Are you one of us, or one of our adversaries?’ <sup>14</sup>He replied, ‘Neither; but as commander of the army of the Lord I have now come.’ And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshipped, and he said to him, ‘What do you command your servant, my lord?’ <sup>15</sup>The commander of the army of the Lord said to Joshua, ‘Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy.’ And Joshua did so.

The word of the Lord  
*Thanks be to God*

The second lesson is from **Romans 12:9-21**

<sup>12:9</sup> Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

<sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, ‘Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.’ <sup>20</sup>No, ‘if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.’ <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God*

The third lesson is from **Matthew 26:17-25**

<sup>26:17</sup> On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, ‘Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?’ <sup>18</sup>He said, ‘Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, “The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.” ’ <sup>19</sup>So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

<sup>20</sup> When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; <sup>21</sup>and while they were eating, he said, ‘Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.’ <sup>22</sup>And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, ‘Surely not I, Lord?’ <sup>23</sup>He answered, ‘The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. <sup>24</sup>The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.’ <sup>25</sup>Judas, who betrayed him, said, ‘Surely not I, Rabbi?’ He replied, ‘You have said so.’

The word of the Lord

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