

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. **Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you

and also with you

Gospel

Mt 13:24-30, 36-43

✠ **The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew**

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

He put before them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, “Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?” He answered, “An enemy has done this.” The slaves said to him, “Then do you want us to go and gather them?” But he replied, “No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”’

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, ‘Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.’ He answered, ‘The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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DOMESTIC & FAMILY ABUSE

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Sentence

I am the Lord; I act with steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth, for in these things I delight, says the Lord. Jeremiah 9.24a

Prayer of the Day

God, whose tender love sets us free to share equally in the joy of your presence; give us clarity and courage to challenge abuse in homes and families; to hear the voice of victims and survivors; and to proclaim the good news of fullness of life for all. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one never-ceasing gift of love, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

A reading from the book of Isaiah

Isaiah 44.6-8

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:
I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.
Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!
Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 139.1-11, 23-24

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1 O Lord, you have searched me out and known me:
you know when I sit or when I stand, you comprehend my thoughts long before.
2 You discern my path and the places where I rest:
you are acquainted with all my ways.
3 For there is not a word on my tongue:
but you, Lord, know it altogether.
4 You have encompassed me behind and before:
and have laid your hand upon me.
5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me:
so high that I cannot endure it.
6 Where shall I go from your spirit:
or where shall I flee from your presence?

7 If I ascend into heaven you are there:
if I make my bed in the grave you are there also.

8 If I spread out my wings towards the morning:
or dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

9 Even there your hand shall lead me:
and your right hand shall hold me.

10 If I say 'Surely the darkness will cover me:
and the night will enclose me',

11 The darkness is no darkness with you, but the night is as clear as the day:

the darkness and the light are both alike.

23 Search me out, O God, and know my heart:
put me to the proof and know my thoughts.

24 Look well lest there be any way of wickedness in me:
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

Second Reading

Rom. 8:12-25

A reading from the letter to the Romans

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**