

# Sunday

13 October 2024 Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

## COLLECT

God, the giver of life,  
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your  
Church:  
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the  
gospel of Christ and make us  
eager to do your will,  
that we may share with the whole  
creation the joys of eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our  
Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## FIRST READING

Either **Amos 5:6-7. 10-15**

*A reading from the book of the prophet Amos.*

Seek the LORD and live, or he will  
break out against the house of Joseph  
like fire, and it will devour Bethel,  
with no one to quench it. Ah, you that  
turn justice to wormwood, and bring  
righteousness to the ground! They hate  
the one who repoves in the gate, and  
they abhor the one who speaks the  
truth. Therefore because you trample  
on the poor and take from them levies  
of grain, you have built houses of  
hewn stone, but you shall not live  
in them; you have planted pleasant  
vineyards, but you shall not drink their  
wine. For I know how many are your  
transgressions, and how great are your  
sins – you who afflict the righteous,  
who take a bribe, and push aside  
the needy in the gate. Therefore the  
prudent will keep silent in such a time;  
for it is an evil time. Seek good and  
not evil, that you may live; and so the  
LORD, the God of hosts, will be with  
you, just as you have said. Hate evil  
and love good, and establish justice  
in the gate; it may be that the LORD,  
the God of hosts, will be gracious to  
the remnant of Joseph.

Or **Job 23:1-9. 16-end**

## PSALM Psalm 90:12-end

**R** O Lord my God, in you I take  
refuge.

So teach us to number our days  
that we may apply our hearts to  
wisdom.



Turn again, O Lord; how long will you  
delay?

Have compassion on your servants. **R**

Satisfy us with your loving-kindness in  
the morning;

that we may rejoice and be glad all  
our days.

Give us gladness for the days you  
have afflicted us,  
and for the years in which we have  
seen adversity. **R**

Show your servants your works,  
and let your glory be over their  
children.

May the gracious favour of the Lord  
our God be upon us;  
prosper our handiwork; O prosper the  
work of our hands. **R**

## SECOND READING

**Hebrews 4:12-end**

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.*

The word of God is living and active,  
sharper than any two-edged sword,  
piercing until it divides soul from spirit,  
joints from marrow; it is able to judge  
the thoughts and intentions of the  
heart. And before him no creature is  
hidden, but all are naked and laid bare  
to the eyes of the one to whom we  
must render an account. Since, then,  
we have a great high priest who has  
passed through the heavens, Jesus,  
the Son of God, let us hold fast to our  
confession. For we do not have a high  
priest who is unable to sympathise with  
our weaknesses, but we have one who  
in every respect has been tested as we  
are, yet without sin. Let us therefore  
approach the throne of grace with  
boldness, so that we may receive  
mercy and find grace to help in time of  
need.

## GOSPEL Mark 10:17-31

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus  
Christ according to Mark.*

As Jesus was setting out on a journey,  
a man ran up and knelt before him,  
and asked him, "Good Teacher, what  
must I do to inherit eternal life?"  
Jesus said to him, "Why do you call  
me good? No one is good but God  
alone. You know the commandments:  
'You shall not murder; You shall not

commit adultery; You shall not steal;  
You shall not bear false witness; You  
shall not defraud; Honour your father  
and mother.'" He said to Jesus,  
"Teacher, I have kept all these since  
my youth." Jesus, looking at him,  
loved him and said, "You lack one  
thing; go, sell what you own, and give  
the money to the poor, and you will  
have treasure in heaven; then come,  
follow me." When he heard this, he  
was shocked and went away grieving,  
for he had many possessions. Then  
Jesus looked around and said to his  
disciples, "How hard it will be for  
those who have wealth to enter the  
kingdom of God!" And the disciples  
were perplexed at these words. But  
Jesus said to them again, "Children,  
how hard it is to enter the kingdom  
of God! It is easier for a camel to go  
through the eye of a needle than  
for someone who is rich to enter the  
kingdom of God." They were greatly  
astounded and said to one another,  
"Then who can be saved?" Jesus  
looked at them and said, "For mortals  
it is impossible, but not for God; for  
God all things are possible." Peter  
began to say to him, "Look, we have  
left everything and followed you."  
Jesus said, "Truly I tell you there is no  
one who has left house or brothers or  
sisters or mother or father or children  
or fields, for my sake and for the  
sake of the good news, who will not  
receive a hundredfold now in this  
age – houses, brothers and sisters,  
mothers and children, and fields – but  
with persecutions – and in the age to  
come eternal life. But many who are  
first will be last, and the last will be  
first."

## POST COMMUNION

God our Father,  
whose Son, the light unailing,  
has come from heaven to deliver the  
world from the darkness of  
ignorance:

let these holy mysteries open the eyes  
of our understanding  
that we may know the way of life,  
and walk in it without stumbling;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.