



Prayer of the Day

Care for your Church, O Lord, with perpetual mercy. Since we totter and are sure to fall without your grace, remove what will harm us and arrange what will make us whole. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6

¹"Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. ²Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. ³For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. ⁴Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed."

Lessons for Next Week:
Jeremiah 15:15-21; Psalm 26;
Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

(L): The Word of the Lord.
(C): **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 138*

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;*
before the gods I will sing your praise.

²**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your
Name,*
because of your love and faithfulness;**

³For you have glorified your name*
and your word above all things.

⁴**When I called, you answered me;*
you increased my strength within me.**

⁵All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD,*
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

⁶**They will sing of the ways of the LORD,*
that great is the glory of the LORD.**

⁷Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly;*
he perceives the haughty from afar.

⁸**Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;*
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.**

⁹The LORD will make good his purpose for me;*
O LORD, your love endures forever; do not abandon the works
of your hands.

Second Reading: : Romans 11:33-12:8

³³Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his
ways! ³⁴For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been
his counselor?" ³⁵"Or who has given a gift to him that he might be
repaid?" ³⁶For from him and through him and to him are all things.
To him be glory forever. Amen.

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to
present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to
God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to
this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that
by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good

and acceptable and perfect. ³For by the grace given to me I say to
everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he
ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according
to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body
we have many members, and the members do not all have the
same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and
individually members one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ
according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in
proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who
teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation;
the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with
zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

(L): The Word of the Lord.

(C): Thanks be to God.

(P): The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16th Chapter.
(C): Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

¹³When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked
his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And
they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others
Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do
you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the
Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are
you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to
you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter,
and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall
not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of
heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven,
and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then
he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

(P): The Gospel of the Lord.

(C): Praise to You, O Christ.