Year A – Proper 10

Sunday, July 12, 2026

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.

Old Testament

Isaiah 55:6-13

6 Seek the LORD while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near. 7 Let the wicked forsake
his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, And He will have
mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon. 8 For My thoughts are not your
thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,' says the LORD. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the
earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.

10 For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the
earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater, 11
So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall
accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it. 12 For you shall go out
with joy, And be led out with peace; The mountains and the hills Shall break forth into singing before
you, And all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. 13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the
cypress tree, And instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree; And it shall be to the LORD for a
name, For an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.'

Officiant: **The Word of the Lord.**

The People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 65

1 Praise is awaiting You, O God, in Zion; And to You the vow shall be performed. 2 O You who hear
prayer, To You all flesh will come. 3 Iniquities prevail against me; As for our transgressions, You
will provide atonement for them. 4 Blessed is the man You choose, And cause to approach You, That
he may dwell in Your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, Of Your holy
temple.

5 By awesome deeds in righteousness You will answer us, O God of our salvation, You who are the
confidence of all the ends of the earth, And of the far-off seas; 6 Who established the mountains by
His strength, Being clothed with power; 7 You who still the noise of the seas, The noise of their

waves, And the tumult of the peoples. [8] They also who dwell in the farthest parts are afraid of Your signs; You make the outgoings of the morning and evening rejoice.

[9] You visit the earth and water it, You greatly enrich it; The river of God is full of water; You provide their grain, For so You have prepared it. [10] You water its ridges abundantly, You settle its furrows; You make it soft with showers, You bless its growth. [11] You crown the year with Your goodness, And Your paths drip with abundance. [12] They drop on the pastures of the wilderness, And the little hills rejoice on every side.

[13] The pastures are clothed with flocks; The valleys also are covered with grain; They shout for joy, they also sing.

**At the end of the Psalms this is sung or said*

*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.

New Testament

Romans 8:8-11

[8] So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. [9] But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. [10] And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. [11] But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

Officiant: **The Word of the Lord.**

The People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Deacon: *The Lord be with you.*

People: *And also with you. Or And with your spirit.*

Deacon: *May the Lord be on our minds, on our lips, and on our hearts as we hear His Holy Gospel. The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.*

People: *Glory to You, Lord Christ.*

Deacon: *We are reading from Matthew's Gospel chapter 13, beginning at verse 1.*

[1] On the same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the sea. [2] And great multitudes were gathered together to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore. [3] Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: 'Behold, a sower went out to sow. [4]

And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them.
5 Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth. 6 But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away. 7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them. 8 But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

9 He who has ears to hear, let him hear!'
18 Therefore hear the parable of the sower: 19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside. 20 But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy;

21 yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles. 22 Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. 23 But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.'

After the Gospel reading, the deacon can elevate the book and says:

Deacon: ***The Gospel of the Lord.***

People: *Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*