Year A – Proper 11

Sunday, July 19, 2026

Collect for Proper 11

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Old Testament

Isaiah 44:1-8

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1 Yet hear now, O Jacob My servant, And Israel whom I have chosen. 2 Thus says the LORD who
made you And formed you from the womb, who will help you: 'Fear not, O Jacob My servant; And
you, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen. 3 For I will pour water on him who is thirsty, And floods on the
dry ground; I will pour My Spirit on your descendants, And My blessing on your offspring; 4 They
will spring up among the grass Like willows by the watercourses.'

5 One will say, 'I am the LORD's'; Another will call himself by the name of Jacob; Another will write
with his hand, 'The LORD's,' And name himself by the name of Israel. 6 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. 7 And who can proclaim as I do? Then let him declare it and set it in order for Me,
Since I appointed the ancient people. And the things that are coming and shall come, Let them show
these to them. 8 Do not fear, nor be afraid; Have I not told you from that time, and declared it? You
are My witnesses. Is there a God besides Me? Indeed there is no other Rock; I know not one.' '

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

The People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139

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1 O LORD, You have searched me and known me. 2 You know my sitting down and my rising up;
You understand my thought afar off. 3 You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are
acquainted with all my ways. 4 For there is not a word on my tongue, But behold, O LORD, You
know it altogether.

5 You have hedged me behind and before, And laid Your hand upon me. 6 Such knowledge is too
wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain it. 7 Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee
from Your presence? 8 If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You
are there.

9 If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, 10 Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me. 11 If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall fall on me,' Even the night shall be light about me; 12 Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, But the night shines as the day; The darkness and the light are both alike to You.

13 For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. 14 I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well. 15 My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. 16 Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them.

17 How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! 18 If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You. 19 Oh, that You would slay the wicked, O God! Depart from me, therefore, you bloodthirsty men. 20 For they speak against You wickedly; Your enemies take Your name in vain.

21 Do I not hate them, O LORD, who hate You? And do I not loathe those who rise up against You? 22 I hate them with perfect hatred; I count them my enemies. 23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; 24 And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

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 8:12-18

12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors -- not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. 13 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. 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, 'Abba, Father.'

16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs -- heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. 18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

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

The People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Matthew 13:36-43

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 36.*

36 Then Jesus sent the multitude away and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him,
saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field.' 37 He answered and said to them: 'He who
sows the good seed is the Son of Man. 38 The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the
kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one. 39 The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the
harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels.

40 Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. 41 The
Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend,
and those who practice lawlessness, 42 and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be
wailing and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their
Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

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.*