Year A – Proper 19

Sunday, September 13, 2026

Collect for Proper 19

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Old Testament

Genesis 50:15-21

15 When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, 'Perhaps Joseph will hate us, and
may actually repay us for all the evil which we did to him.' 16 So they sent messengers to Joseph,
saying, 'Before your father died he commanded, saying, 17 Thus you shall say to Joseph: 'I beg you,
please forgive the trespass of your brothers and their sin; for they did evil to you.' ' Now, please,
forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of your father.' And Joseph wept when they spoke to
him. 18 Then his brothers also went and fell down before his face, and they said, 'Behold, we are your
servants.'

19 Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? 20 But as for you, you meant
evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many
people alive. 21 Now therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones.' And he
comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

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

The People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name! 2 Bless the LORD, O
my soul, And forget not all His benefits: 3 Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your
diseases, 4 Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender
mercies,

5 Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. 6 The
LORD executes righteousness And justice for all who are oppressed. 7 He made known His ways to
Moses, His acts to the children of Israel. 8 The LORD is merciful and gracious, Slow to anger, and
abounding in mercy.

9 He will not always strive with us, Nor will He keep His anger forever. 10 He has not dealt with us
according to our sins, Nor punished us according to our iniquities. 11 For as the heavens are high
above the earth, So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; 12 As far as the east is from the

west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.
13 As a father pities his children, So the LORD pities those who fear Him. 14 For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust. 15 As for man, his days are like grass; As a flower of the field, so he flourishes. 16 For the wind passes over it, and it is gone, And its place remembers it no more.

17 But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting On those who fear Him, And His righteousness to children's children, 18 To such as keep His covenant, And to those who remember His commandments to do them. 19 The LORD has established His throne in heaven, And His kingdom rules over all. 20 Bless the LORD, you His angels, Who excel in strength, who do His word, Heeding the voice of His word.

21 Bless the LORD, all you His hosts, You ministers of His, who do His pleasure. 22 Bless the LORD, all His works, In all places of His dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!

**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 14:9-12

9 For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living. 10 But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. 11 For it is written: 'As I live, says the LORD, Every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall confess to God.' 12 So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.

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

The People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

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 18, beginning at verse 21.*

21 Then Peter came to Him and said, 'Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?' 22 Jesus said to him, 'I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to

seventy times seven. 23 Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. 24 And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents.

25 But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. 26 The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' 27 Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. 28 But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!'

29 So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' 30 And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. 31 So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. 32 Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me.

33 Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' 34 And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. 35 So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses.'

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.*