Year A – Proper 23

Sunday, October 11, 2026

Collect for Proper 23

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; 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 25:1-9

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1 O LORD, You are my God. I will exalt You, I will praise Your name, For You have done
wonderful things; Your counsels of old are faithfulness and truth. 2 For You have made a city a ruin,
A fortified city a ruin, A palace of foreigners to be a city no more; It will never be rebuilt. 3 Therefore
the strong people will glorify You; The city of the terrible nations will fear You. 4 For You have been
a strength to the poor, A strength to the needy in his distress, A refuge from the storm, A shade from
the heat; For the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall.

5 You will reduce the noise of aliens, As heat in a dry place; As heat in the shadow of a cloud, The
song of the terrible ones will be diminished. 6 And in this mountain The LORD of hosts will make for
all people A feast of choice pieces, A feast of wines on the lees, Of fat things full of marrow, Of well-
refined wines on the lees. 7 And He will destroy on this mountain The surface of the covering cast
over all people, And the veil that is spread over all nations. 8 He will swallow up death forever, And
the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces; The rebuke of His people He will take away from
all the earth; For the LORD has spoken.

9 And it will be said in that day: 'Behold, this is our God; We have waited for Him, and He will save
us. This is the LORD; We have waited for Him; We will be glad and rejoice in His salvation.'

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

The People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 106

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1 Praise the LORD! Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. 2
Who can utter the mighty acts of the LORD? Who can declare all His praise? 3 Blessed are those who
keep justice, And he who does righteousness at all times!

4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favor You have toward Your people; Oh, visit me with Your
salvation, 5 That I may see the benefit of Your chosen ones, That I may rejoice in the gladness of
Your nation, That I may glory with Your inheritance.

Psalm

Psalm 106:1-5, 48

48 Blessed be the LORD God of Israel From everlasting to everlasting! And let all the people say, 'Amen!' Praise the LORD!

**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

Philippians 4:4-7

4 Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. 6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

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

The People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

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 22, beginning at verse 1.*

1 And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said: 2 The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, 3 and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. 4 Again, he sent out other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, 'See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding.' '

5 But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. 6 And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them. 7 But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. 8 Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy.

9 Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.' 10 So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests. 11 But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. 12 So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless.

13 Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' 14 For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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.*