

# Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

## INTRODUCTION

In the name of the Father,  
and of ✠ the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*The PRAYERS OF PENITENCE are introduced.*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
We are heartily sorry,  
and repent of all our sins.  
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon ✠ and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*KYRIE ELEÏSON follows.*

Lord, have mercy. *℟.* **Lord, have mercy.**  
Christ, have mercy. *℟.* **Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord, have mercy. *℟.* **Lord, have mercy.**

*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS is recited.*

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to  
his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God  
and Father, we worship you, we give you  
thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the  
sin of the world: have mercy on us; you**

**are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you  
alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most  
High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in  
the glory ✠ of God the Father. Amen.**

*All remain standing for the COLLECT.*

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us  
your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies be-  
hind and reaching out to that which is before,  
we may run the way of your commandments  
and win the crown of everlasting joy; through  
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive  
and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

Readings for Year A, Proper 23

FIRST READING

*Isa 25,1-9*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I  
will praise your name; for you have done  
wonderful things, plans formed of old,  
faithful and sure. For you have made the city  
a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of  
aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt.  
Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;  
cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you  
have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to  
the needy in their distress, a shelter from the  
rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When  
the blast of the ruthless was like a winter  
rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry  
place, you subdued the heat with the shade of  
clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will  
make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a  
feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled  
with marrow, of well-matured wines strained  
clear. And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the  
sheet that is spread over all nations; he will  
swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord God

will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 23*

℟. The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want. (*All repeat*)

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose. ℟.

Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.  
He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name. ℟.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness,  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. ℟.

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. ℟.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. ℟.

SECOND READING

*Php 4.1-9*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the  
Philippians.

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of

the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Jn 1.14,12*

**Alleluia.**

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us:  
to all who received him he gave power to  
become children of God.

**Alleluia.**

GOSPEL READING

*Mt 22.1-14*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Again Jesus spoke to the chief priests and elders in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.' But they paid no attention and went off,

one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

A SERMON *may follow.*

*The NICENE CREED is recited.*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (all bow) was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. (all rise) For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the**

**dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

*The INTERCESSIONS are introduced, and all kneel. One of these responses may be used:*

∨. Lord, hear us. ℞. **Lord, graciously hear us.**  
or ∨. Lord, in your mercy, ℞. **Hear our prayer.**

*At the Commemoration of the Departed:*

∨. Rest eternal ✠ grant to them, O Lord;  
℞. **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*The Intercessions end:*

Merciful Father,

**Accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

*All stand as the priest introduces the PEACE.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*All may sit for the OFFERTORY. The priest may praise God for his gifts, to which all respond:*

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*All stand for the PRAYER over the OFFERINGS.*

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Accept, Lord, our prayers and our offerings. Grant that our loving worship may help us to reach the glory of heaven; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The PREFACE follows.*

*All respond with the SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS.*  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and  
might, heaven and earth are full of your  
glory. Hosanna in the highest.**  
**Blessed is he ✠ who comes in the name of  
the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*All kneel. After the Consecration, all acclaim:*  
Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died; Christ is risen;  
Christ will come again.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues, and ends:*  
... for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**RITE OF COMMUNION**

*The priest introduces the LORD'S PRAYER.*  
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed  
be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will  
be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give  
us this day our daily bread. And forgive  
us our trespasses, as we forgive those who  
trespass against us. And lead us not into  
temptation; but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power and  
the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The priest breaks the Host; AGNUS DEI is said.*  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the  
world: have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the  
world: have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the  
world: grant us peace.**

*The priest gives the COMMUNION INVITATION.*  
Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the  
sin of the world. Blessed are those who are  
called to his supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but  
only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*Holy Communion is distributed.*

*The priest says the POST-COMMUNION prayer.*  
We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this  
sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the  
memory of your passion is renewed, here our  
minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge  
of future glory is given, when we shall feast at  
that table where you reign with all your saints  
for ever. **Amen.**

**CONCLUSION**

*The priest gives the BLESSING and DISMISSAL.*  
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

... The blessing of God almighty, the Father,  
the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, be among  
you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

*The service may be followed by the ANGELUS.*  
∩. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary:  
∩. **And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.**  
Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;  
blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
**Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners, now,  
and at the hour of our death.**

∩. Behold the handmaid of the Lord:  
∩. **Be it unto me according to thy word.**  
Hail Mary ...

∩. And the Word was made flesh:  
∩. **And dwelt among us.**  
Hail Mary ...

∩. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God:  
∩. **That we may be made worthy of the  
promises of Christ.**

Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech you, O  
Lord, your grace into our hearts; that we to  
whom the Incarnation of Christ, your Son,  
was made known by the message of an angel,  
may by his Passion and Cross ✠ be brought  
to the glory of his Resurrection; through the  
same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**