

# PROPER 24 IN ORDINARY TIME ~ OCTOBER 18, 2020



## The Lessons

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
whose right hand I have grasped  
to subdue nations before him  
and strip kings of their robes,  
to open doors before him—  
and the gates shall not be closed:  
<sup>2</sup>“I will go before you  
and level the mountains,  
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze  
and cut through the bars of iron,  
<sup>3</sup>I will give you the treasures of darkness  
and riches hidden in secret places,  
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,  
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.  
<sup>4</sup>For the sake of my servant Jacob,  
and Israel my chosen,  
I call you by your name,  
I surname you, though you do not know me.  
<sup>5</sup>I am the LORD, and there is no other;  
besides me there is no god.  
I arm you, though you do not know me,  
<sup>6</sup>so that they may know, from the rising of the sun  
and from the west, that there is no one besides  
me;  
I am the LORD, and there is no other.  
<sup>7</sup>I form light and create darkness,

I make weal and create woe;  
I the LORD do all these things.”

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            Thanks be to God.

### PSALM: Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]

<sup>1</sup>Sing to the LORD a new song; \*  
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.  
<sup>2</sup>Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; \*  
proclaim the good news of his salvation from  
day to day.  
<sup>3</sup>Declare his glory among the nations \*  
and his wonders among all peoples.  
<sup>4</sup>For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \*  
he is more to be feared than all gods.  
<sup>5</sup>As for all the gods of the nations, they are but  
idols; \*  
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.  
<sup>6</sup>Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his  
presence! \*  
Oh, the power and the splendor of his  
sanctuary!  
<sup>7</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the  
peoples; \*  
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.  
<sup>8</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; \*  
bring offerings and come into his courts.  
<sup>9</sup>Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth tremble before him.

### SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in  
Thessalonika.

<sup>1</sup>Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,  
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the  
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:  
Grace to you and peace.

<sup>2</sup>We always give thanks to God for all of you and  
mention you in our prayers, constantly  
<sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your work  
of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope  
in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers  
and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you,  
<sup>5</sup>because our message of the gospel came to you not  
in word only, but also in power and in the Holy  
Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know  
what kind of persons we proved to be among you

for your sake. <sup>6</sup>And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup>so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup>For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. <sup>9</sup>For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            Thanks be to God.

### **GOSPEL VERSICLE**

Priest: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Priest: One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

### **GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22**

*Deacon*           The Holy Gospel of our Lord  
                      Jesus Christ according to  
                      Matthew.

*People*            Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. <sup>16</sup>So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” <sup>21</sup>They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” <sup>22</sup>When they heard

this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

*Deacon*           The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            Praise to you, Lord Christ.