

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

12 September 2021 Anno Domini

INTROIT



(From Ps. 86)

Incline your ear, O LORD, and | answer me,*
save your servant, who trusts in you—you | are my God.
Be gracious to me, | O Lord,*
for to you do I cry | all the day.
Give ear, O LORD, | to my prayer;*
listen to my | plea for grace.
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;**
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | **Amen.**
Incline your ear, O LORD, and | answer me,*
save your servant, who trusts in you—you | are my God.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GRADUAL

**It is better to take refuge | in the LORD*
than to | trust in man.**
**It is better to take refuge | in the LORD*
than to trust in | princes.**

(Ps. 118:8-9)

VERSE

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Oh come, let us sing | to the Lord;*
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal- | vation!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

(Ps. 95:1)

Old Testament: 1 Kings 17:8-16

“Then the word of the LORD came to him, “⁶Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” ¹¹And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²And she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” ¹³And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’” ¹⁵And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

Epistle: Galatians 5:25-6:10

²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. ²⁶Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. ²⁷Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. ²⁸Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ²⁹For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ³⁰But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. ³¹For each will have to bear his own load. ³²One who is taught the

word must share all good things with the one who teaches. ³³Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ³⁴For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ³⁵And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ³⁶So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34

²⁴[Jesus said:] “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money. ²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³²For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. ³⁴“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”