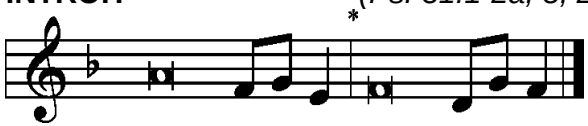
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity

12 November 2023 Anno Domini

INTROIT *(Ps. 31:1-2a, 5, 24; antiphon: Ps. 31:9a)*



Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am | in distress;*
rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my perse- | cutors!
O LORD, let me not be | put to shame,*
for I call up- | on you.
In your righteousness de- | liver me;*
incline your ear to me; rescue me | speedily!

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, we implore You, show Your mercy to Your humble servants that we, who put no trust in our own merits, may not be dealt with after the severity of Your judgment but according to Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GRADUAL *(Rev. 7:14b; Ps. 84:5)*

Your foes have roared in the midst of your | meeting place;*
they set up their own | signs for signs.
Remember your congregation, which you have pur- | chased of old,*
which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your | heritage!

VERSE *(Ps. 46:4)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,*
the holy habitation of the | Most High.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Old Testament Reading: Job 14:1-6

"Man who is born of a woman is few
of days and full of trouble. 2 He
comes out like a flower and withers;
he flees like a shadow and continues
not. 3 And do you open your eyes on
such a one and bring me into
judgment with you? 4 Who can
bring a clean thing out of an unclean?
There is not one. 5 Since his days are
determined, and the number of his
months is with you, and you have
appointed his limits that he cannot
pass, 6 look away from him and leave
him alone, that he may enjoy, like a
hired hand, his day.

Epistle Reading:
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13 But we do not want you to be
uninformed, brothers, about those
who are asleep, that you may not
grieve as others do who have no
hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus
died and rose again, even so, through
Jesus, God will bring with him those
who have fallen asleep. 15 For this we
declare to you by a word from the
Lord, that we who are alive, who are
left until the coming of the Lord, will
not precede those who have fallen
asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will
descend from heaven with a cry of
command, with the voice of an
archangel, and with the sound of the
trumpet of God. And the dead in
Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who
are alive, who are left, will be caught
up together with them in the clouds
to meet the Lord in the air, and so we
will always be with the Lord.
18 Therefore encourage one another
with these words.

Holy Gospel: Luke 17:20-30

20 Being asked by the Pharisees when
the kingdom of God would come, he
answered them, "The kingdom of
God is not coming in ways that can
be observed, 21 nor will they say,
'Look, here it is!' or 'There!' for
behold, the kingdom of God is in the
midst of you." 22 And he said to the
disciples, "The days are coming when
you will desire to see one of the days
of the Son of Man, and you will not
see it. 23 And they will say to you,
'Look, there!' or 'Look, here!' Do
not go out or follow them. 24 For as
the lightning flashes and lights up the
sky from one side to the other, so will
the Son of Man be in his day. 25 But
first he must suffer many things
and be rejected by this
generation. 26 Just as it was in the days
of Noah, so will it be in the days of
the Son of Man. 27 They were eating
and drinking and marrying and being
given in marriage, until the day when
Noah entered the ark, and the flood
came and destroyed them
all. 28 Likewise, just as it was in the
days of Lot—they were eating and
drinking, buying and selling, planting
and building, 29 but on the day when
Lot went out from Sodom, fire and
sulfur rained from heaven and
destroyed them all— 30 so will it be on
the day when the Son of Man is
revealed.