

Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

17 October 2021 Anno Domini

INTROIT



(From Ps. 119)

The whole world is | in your power;*

O Lord, King Almighty, no one can | gainsay you.

For you have made | heaven and earth;*

you are | Lord of all!

Confirm to your servant your | promise, *

that you | may be feared.

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.

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O Lord, King Almighty, no one can | gainsay you.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, keep Your household, the Church, in continual godliness that through Your protection she may be free from all adversities and devoutly given to serve You in good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GRADUAL

(Ps. 90:1-2)

Lord, you have been our | dwelling place *

in all gener- | ations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had | formed the

earth | and the world, *

from everlasting to everlasting | you are God.

VERSE

(Ps. 125:1)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount | Zion, *

Which can not be moved, but abides for- | ever.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Old Testament: Genesis 1:1-2:3

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. ⁸And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

¹¹And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." ²¹So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. ²⁵And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

²⁷So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

²⁸And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." ²⁹And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

¹Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ²And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-17

¹Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ²Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ³For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ⁴Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ⁵Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ⁶and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ⁷In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ⁸and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,

Gospel: John 4:46-54

¹So he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And at Capernaum there was an official whose son was ill. ²When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. ³So Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe." ⁴The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my child dies." ⁵Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way. ⁶As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his son was recovering. ⁷So he asked them the hour when he began to get better, and they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him." ⁸The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." And he himself believed, and all his household. ⁹This was now the second sign that Jesus did when he had come from Judea to Galilee.