



Readings for Trinity 11

Psalm

Psalm 50:7–23; antiphon: v. 14

- ⁷“Hear, O my people, and I will speak;
O Israel, I will testify a- | gainst you.*
I am | God, your God.
- ⁸Not for your sacrifices do I re- | buke you;*
your burnt offerings are continually be- | fore me.
- ⁹I will not accept a bull | from your house*
or goats | from your folds.
- ¹⁰For every beast of the for- | est is mine,*
the cattle on a | thousand hills.
- ¹¹I know all the birds | of the hills,*
and all that moves in the | field is mine.
- ¹²“If I were hungry, I would not | tell you,*
for the world and its full- | ness are mine.
- ¹³Do I eat the | flesh of bulls*
or drink the | blood of goats?
- ¹⁴Offer to God a sacrifice of thanks- | giving,*
and perform your vows to the | Most High,
- ¹⁵and call upon me in the day of | trouble;*
I will deliver you, and you shall glo- | rify me.”
- ¹⁶But to the wicked | God says:*
“What right have you to recite my statutes
or take my covenant | on your lips?
- ¹⁷For you hate | discipline,*
and you cast my words be- | hind you.
- ¹⁸If you see a thief, you are | pleased with him,*
and you keep company with a- | dulterers.
- ¹⁹“You give your mouth free rein for | evil,*
and your tongue | frames deceit.



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²⁰You sit and speak against your | brother,*
you slander your own | mother's son.

²¹These things you have done, and I have been silent;
you thought that I was one | like yourself.*
But now I rebuke you and lay the charge be- | fore you.

²²“Mark this, then, you who for- | get God,*
lest I tear you apart, and there be none to de- | liver!

²³The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glo- | rifies me;*
to one who orders his way rightly
I will show the salva- | tion of God!”

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 4:1–15

Cain and Abel

¹Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD.” ²And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. ³In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶The LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it.”

⁸Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?” ¹⁰And the LORD said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. ¹¹And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹²When you



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work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.” ¹³Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.” ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, “Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.” And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

Gradual

Psalm 28:7b, 1a, 2a

In [God] my heart trusts, and | I am helped;*
my heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks to him.
To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not | deaf to me,*
hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to | you for help.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:1–10

The Resurrection of Christ

¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On



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the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

Holy Gospel

Luke 18:9–14

The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

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