

Trinity 18 Readings

Psalm

Psalm 34:8–22; antiphon: v. 19

- ⁸Oh, taste and see that the | LORD is good! *
Blessèd is the man who takes ref- | uge in him!
- ⁹Oh, fear the LORD, | you his saints, *
for those who fear him | have no lack!
- ¹⁰The young lions suffer want and | hunger; *
but those who seek the LORD lack | no good thing.
- ¹¹Come, O children, lis- | ten to me; *
I will teach you the fear | of the LORD.
- ¹²What man is there who de- | sires life *
and loves many days, that he may | see good?
- ¹³Keep your tongue from | evil *
and your lips from speak- | ing deceit.
- ¹⁴Turn away from evil | and do good; *
seek peace and pur- | sue it.
- ¹⁵The eyes of the LORD are toward the | righteous *
and his ears | toward their cry.
- ¹⁶The face of the LORD is against those who do | evil, *
to cut off the memory of them | from the earth.
- ¹⁷When the righteous cry for help, the | LORD hears *
and delivers them out of all their | troubles.
- ¹⁸The LORD is near to the broken- | hearted *
and saves the crushed in | spirit.
- ¹⁹Many are the afflictions of the | righteous, *
but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.
- ²⁰He keeps | all his bones; *
not one of them is | broken.
- ²¹Affliction will slay the | wicked, *
and those who hate the righteous will | be condemned.
- ²²The LORD redeems the life of his | servants; *
none of those who take refuge in him will | be condemned.

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Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 10:12–21

Circumcise Your Heart

¹²“And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am commanding you today for your good? ¹⁴Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. ¹⁵Yet the LORD set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. ¹⁶Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. ¹⁷For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. ¹⁸He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. ¹⁹Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. ²⁰You shall fear the LORD your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear. ²¹He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen.”

Gradual

Psalm 122:1, 7

I was glad when they | said to me, *
“Let us go to the house | of the LORD!”
Peace be with- | in your walls*
and security within your | towers!

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:1–9

Greeting

¹Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Thanksgiving

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:34–46

The Great Commandment

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” ³⁷And he said to him, “**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.** ³⁸**This is the great and first commandment.** ³⁹**And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.** ⁴⁰**On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”**

Whose Son Is the Christ?

⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, ⁴²saying, “**What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?**” They said to him, “The son of David.” ⁴³He said to them, “**How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying,**

**⁴⁴“The Lord said to my Lord,
Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet’?**

⁴⁵If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?” ⁴⁶And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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