

EPISTLE LESSON

2 THESSALONIANS 2:1-8, 13-17

R: Our Epistle lesson on this 22nd Sunday after Pentecost is from the second chapter of Second Thessalonians.

Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers and sisters, not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by the teaching allegedly from us—whether by a prophecy or by word of mouth or by letter—asserting that the day of the Lord has already come. Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.

Don't you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things? And now you know what is holding him back, so that he may be revealed at the proper time. For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming.

But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as firstfruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter.

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

✠ VERSE

CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER
LBW #474, STANZA 4

**Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.**

✠ HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 20:27-40

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord!

Some of the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus with a question. “Teacher,” they said, “Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man must marry the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. Now there were seven brothers. The first one married a woman and died childless. The second and then the third married her, and in the same way the seven died, leaving no children. Finally, the woman died too. Now then, at the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?”

Jesus replied, “The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. But those who are considered worthy of taking part in the age to come and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God’s children, since they are children of the resurrection. But in the account of the burning bush, even Moses showed that the dead rise, for he calls the Lord ‘the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’ He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive.”

Some of the teachers of the law responded, “Well said, teacher!” And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

The congregation sits

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

EXODUS 3:1-15

R: Our Old Testament lesson is from the third chapter of Exodus.

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. So Moses thought, “I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up.”

When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, “Moses! Moses!”

And Moses said, “Here I am.”

“Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” Then he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.” At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

The Lord said, “I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.”

But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

And God said, “I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.”

Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?”

God said to Moses, “I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I am has sent me to you.’”

God also said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’

“This is my name forever,
the name you shall call me from generation to generation.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

TODAY’S MESSAGE

THE REV. DR. THOMAS ZEHNDER

✠ **MESSAGE HYMN**

○ GOD OF MERCY, GOD OF LIGHT

LBW #425

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

GATHERING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

✠ PREFACE

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

WL: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

WL: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

✠ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER

WL: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom

and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

✠ PAX DOMINI

WL: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION HYMN HOW SWEET THE NAME OF JESUS
SOUNDS
LBW #345

✠ THE DISMISSAL

WL: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve
you in body and soul to life everlasting.

All: Amen.

✠ CLOSING PRAYER

WL: Let us pray. Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us abundantly at your table. Send us now to share your gifts with all, to serve and to heal, following in the footsteps of our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

HONORING OUR VETERANS

WL: I ask you to be seated now as we honor our veterans on this Veterans Day Weekend with prayer and image and song.

VIDEO PRESENTATION “A VETERANS DAY PRAYER”

PRAYERS FOR OUR VETERANS

WL: People of God, as you send us now into a world in great need, we remember those who have served and are currently serving our nation in the armed forces. We give thanks for their willingness to lay down their lives for others. We give thanks for the love they have shown and the sacrifices they have made.

I ask them to stand as they are able, while we pray.

Gracious God, we ask for blessings on all those who have served their country in the armed forces. We ask for healing for the veterans who have been wounded, in body and soul, in conflicts around the globe. We pray for those who come home with injured bodies and traumatized spirits. Bring solace to them, O Lord; may we pray for them when they cannot pray. May we become a part of their healing. With them and with all veterans we ask for an end to wars and the dawning of a new era of peace.

Have mercy on all our veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan, and other conflicts. Bring peace to their hearts and peace to the regions in which they served. Bless all those who served in non-combative posts. May their calling to service continue to bring blessings to them and to your world.

Loving God, give us all the creative vision to see a world which, grown weary with fighting, moves to affirming the life of all your creation and so moves beyond war. Hear our prayer, O Prince of Peace, Príncipe de Paz.

All: Amen.

✠ SENDING HYMN ETERNAL FATHER, STRONG TO SAVE

**Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the restless wave
Who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea!**

**Oh, Watchful Father, who dost keep eternal vigil while we sleep,
Guide those who navigate on high, who through grave unknown perils fly.
Receive our oft-repeated prayer for those in peril in the air.**

**O Trinity of love and power, our soldiers shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them whereso'er they go;
Thus evermore from all the free shall rise glad hymns of praise to thee.**

✠ BLESSING

WL: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on
 you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor
 and + give you peace.

All: **Amen.**

✠ SENDING

WL: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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