

November 23rd & 24th

LECTIONARY

The Word of God

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98

Deus noster refugium

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though
the earth be moved, *
and though the mountains be top-
pled into the depths of the sea;
- 3 Though its waters rage and foam, *
and though the mountains tremble
at its tumult.
- 4 The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our strong-
hold.
- 5 There is a river whose streams make
glad the city of God, *
the holy habitation of the Most
High.
- 6 God is in the midst of her;
she shall not be overthrown; *
God shall help her at the break of
day.

- 7 The nations make much ado, and the
kingdoms are shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth
shall melt away.
- 8 The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our strong-
hold.
- 9 Come now and look upon the works
of the Lord, *
what awesome things he has done
on earth.
- 10 It is he who makes war to cease in
all the world; *
he breaks the bow, and shatters
the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.
- 11 "Be still, then, and know that I am
God; *
I will be exalted among the
nations;
I will be exalted in the earth."
- 12 The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our strong-
hold.

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Presider: *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.*

People: **Glory to You Lord Christ.**

Luke 23:33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Presider: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

People: **Praise to You Lord Christ.**

Insert into the Prayer of the People.....

*In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for the **Falkland Islands.***

*In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for **Chapel Rock, in Prescott.***

Followed by....

Leader: *We honor and pray for our Indigenous neighbors.*

People: That we may dwell together in respectful harmony.