

The 12th Sunday after Pentecost
23 August 2020

Introit Psalm: Psalm 124.1-4

If the LORD himself had not been on our side,
now may Israel say;
 if the LORD himself had not been on our side,
 when men rose up against us;
They had swallowed us up alive,
 when they were
 so wrathfully displeased at us;
Then the waters had drowned us,
 and the torrent had gone over our soul;
Yes, then the raging waters
 had gone even over our soul.

Collect of the Day

O God, who declares thy almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy gracious promises, and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Romans 12.1-8

Gradual Psalm: Psalm 124.5-7

But praised be the LORD,
 who hath not given us over for prey
 unto their teeth.
Our soul is escaped even as a bird
out of the snare of the fowler:
 the snare is broken, and we are delivered.

Our help standeth in the Name of the LORD,
who hath made heaven and earth.

The Gospel: Matthew 16.13-20