**OCTOBER 27, 2024 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**FIRST READING BY MARK ALLWOOD**

**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JOB**

Then Job answered the LORD: "I know that you can do all things and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me that I did not know.

'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.'

I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes."

And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends, and the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.

Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring.

The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning, and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys.

He also had seven sons and three daughters.

He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch.

In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters, and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers.

After this Job lived one hundred and forty years and saw his children and his children's children, four generations.

And Job died, old and full of days.

**Job 42:1-6, 10-17**

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