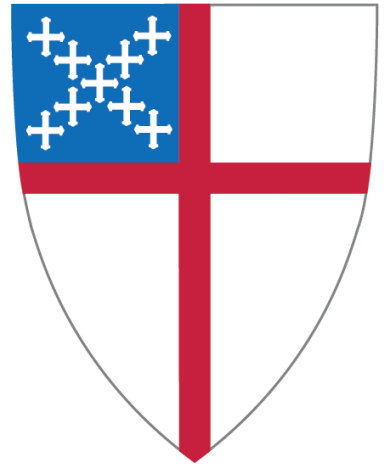


The Lessons Appointed for Use on the
The Twentieth Sunday
after Pentecost

Year A, RCL

October 11, 2026, 8:00 am



(First Reading)

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

O LORD, you are my God;

**I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.**

**For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;**

**the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.**

**Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.**

**For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,**

a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,

**the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;**

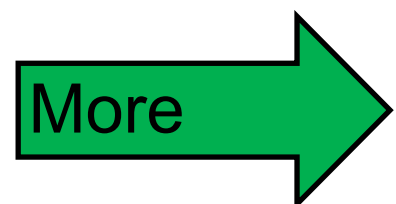
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples

**a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines
strained clear.**

**And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that
is cast over all peoples,**

**the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will
swallow up death forever.**



Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,

and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,

for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God;

we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

(People: Thanks be to God.)



(Psalm)

Psalm 23

Let's say it together.

The LORD is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his

Name's sake.

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of
death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they
comfort me.**

**You spread a table before me in the presence of those
who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup
is running over.**

**Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all
the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**



(The Epistle Reading)

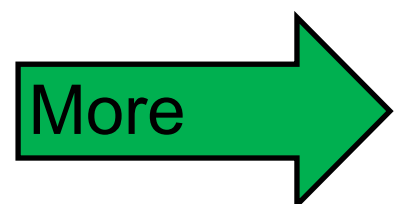
A Reading from Paul's 2nd letter to the Corinthians

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For our slight, momentary affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen, for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that, if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not

made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be further clothed with our heavenly dwelling, for surely when we have been clothed in it we will not be found naked. For while we are in this tent, we groan under our burden because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. The one who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a down payment.

So we are always confident, even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord - for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.



So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to be pleasing to him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive due recompense for actions done in the body, whether good or evil.

Leader: **The Word of the Lord.**

(People: *Thanks be to God.*



Prayers of the People

You may stand, sit or kneel for the prayers

Celebrant: God of truth, turn our hearts from grasping after what cannot last, and teach us to seek the riches of your kingdom. Hear our prayers for your Church, your world, and all in need.

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

All: That we all may be one.

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

All: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

All: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

All: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

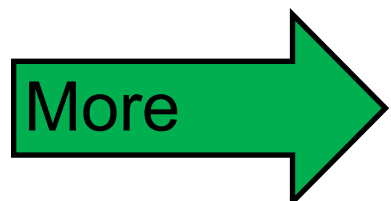
All: That our works might find favor in your sight.

Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

All: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest;

All: Let light perpetual shine upon them.



***Leader:* We praise you for all your saints who have
entered into joy;**

All: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

***Leader:* Let us pray for our own needs and those of
others.**

*(Please add your own intercessions or thanksgivings out loud or in the
silence of your heart.)*

The Celebrant concludes the Prayers:



