

Remembrance Sunday (C)

OPENING PRAYER:

Most gracious God, in whose will is our peace, turn all hearts to You, that by Your Spirit peace founded on righteousness may be established throughout the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Job 19:23-27a

A reading from the book of Job.

Job said to his companions: 'O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock for ever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING from Psalm 17

R. I will be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory, Lord.

1. Lord, hear a cause that is just, pay heed to my cry.

Turn your ear to my prayer: no deceit is on my lips. **(R.)**

2. I keep my feet firmly in your paths; there was no faltering in my steps. I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God. Turn your ear to me, hear my words. **(R.)**

3. Hide me in the shadow of your wings. As for me, in my justice I shall see your face and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory. **(R.)**

SECOND READING 2 Thessalonians 2.1-5, 13-17

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by

letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here.³ Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL Luke 20.27-38

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus, and asked him a question, 'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.'

Jesus said to them, 'Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

"Alive to God"

Jesus reminds us that all are alive to God. On Remembrance Sunday, we give thanks for those who have died in service and entrust them to the God in whose presence is life without end. May this hope give us strength to work for peace today.

Prayer

Lord,
May Your promise of life give us hope today
as we remember the fallen
and seek Your peace.

Amen.

Short Scripture

"For to him all are alive." (Luke 20:38)

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS:

Lord, receive the gifts we offer this day of remembrance. May those who have lost their lives through war; share in the eternal peace of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Let us remember before God, and commend to his sure keeping: those who have died for their country in war; those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure; and all who have lived and died in the service of humanity.

EXHORTATION

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We will remember them.

ALL: We will remember them.

THE TWO MINUTES SILENCE.

They gave their today for our tomorrow.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day and bring us all with them, to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**