Scripture Readings for THE 22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (OS 32) 6th November, 2022

The Sentence

'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord. 'Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'

John 11.25-26

The Collect of the Day

Let us pray

A period of silent prayer is kept

God of all the living, in the resurrection of Christ Jesus you have given us the promise of life which death itself cannot destroy: in the strength of this unshakeable promise, give us a new heart to live, even now, as your new creation. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Readings for 13th November (OS 33)

Isaiah 65. 17–25. Isaiah 12 (page 391). 2 Thessalonians 3. 6–13. Luke 21.5–19.

Readings for 20th November {OS 34} [CHRIST THE KING]

Jeremiah 23. 1–6. Luke 1. 68–79 (page 384) or Psalm 46 Colossians 1. 11–20. Luke 23. 33–43.

Prayer of the week

Blessed Lord,

you have caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that, by patience and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of Job [19. 23-27a.]

'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.
My heart faints within me!

Hear the word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD

Psalm 17. 1-9

- 1. Hear my just cause, O Lord, give heed to my cry: listen to my prayer, that comes from no lying lips.
- 2. Let judgement for me come forth from your presence: and let your eyes discern the right.
- 3. Though you search my heart, and visit me in the night-time: though you try me by fire, you will find no wickedness in me.
- 4. My mouth does not transgress, like the mouth of others: for I have kept the word of your lips.
- 5. My steps have held firm in the way of your commands: and my feet have not stumbled from your paths.
- 6. I call upon you, O God, for you will surely answer: incline your ear to me, and hear my words.
- 7. Show me the wonders of your steadfast love, saviour of those who come to you for refuge:
 who by your right hand deliver them from those that rise up against them.
- Keep me as the apple of your eye: hide me under the shadow of your wings,

9. From the onslaught of the wicked: from my enemies that encircle me to take my life.

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians [2. 1-5, 13-17]

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. 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.

Hear the word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD

Alleluia! Alleluia! [If sung: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!]

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;

glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.

Alleluia! [If sung: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!]

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke [20. 27-40] **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him 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.' Then some of the scribes answered, 'Teacher, you have spoken well.' For they no longer dared to ask him another question.

For the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**