

**18 June 2023**

## **Collect**

All-powerful God,  
in Jesus Christ you turned death into life,  
and defeat into victory:  
increase our faith and trust in him,  
that we may triumph over evil,  
in the strength of the same Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **1st Reading**

### **Isaiah 59: 15b-20**

**15** The LORD looked and was displeased that there was no justice.

**16** He saw that there was no one, he was appalled that there was no one to intervene; so his own arm achieved salvation for him, and his own righteousness sustained him.

**17** He put on righteousness as his breastplate, and the helmet of salvation on his head; he put on the garments of vengeance and wrapped himself in zeal as in a cloak.

**18** According to what they have done, so will he repay wrath to his enemies and retribution to his foes; he will repay the islands their due.

**19** From the west, people will fear the name of the LORD, and from the rising of the sun, they will revere his glory. For he will come like a pent-up flood that the breath of the LORD drives along.

**20** "The Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins," declares the LORD.

## **Psalm**

### **Psalm 116.1–2, 116.11–18**

- <sup>1</sup> I love the Lord, because he heard my voice:  
the voice of my supplication;
- <sup>2</sup> Because he inclined his ear to me:  
in the day that I called to him.
- <sup>11</sup> How shall I repay the Lord:  
for all his benefits to me?
- <sup>12</sup> I will take up the cup of salvation:  
and call upon the name of the Lord.
- <sup>13</sup> I will pay my vows to the Lord:  
in the presence of all his people.
- <sup>14</sup> Grievous in the sight of the Lord:  
is the death of his faithful ones.
- <sup>15</sup> O Lord, I am your servant,  
your servant and the child of your handmaid:  
you have unloosed my bonds.
- <sup>16</sup> I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving:  
and call upon the name of the Lord.
- <sup>17</sup> I will pay my vows to the Lord:  
in the presence of all his people,
- <sup>18</sup> In the courts of the house of the Lord:  
even in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.

## 2nd Reading

### Romans 3: 9-26

**9** What shall we conclude then? Do we have any advantage? Not at all! For we have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under the power of sin.

**10** As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one;

**11** there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God.

**12** All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one."

**13** "Their throats are open graves; their tongues practice deceit."  
"The poison of vipers is on their lips."

**14** "Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness."

**15** "Their feet are swift to shed blood;

**16** ruin and misery mark their ways,

**17** and the way of peace they do not know.”

**18** “There is no fear of God before their eyes.”

**19** Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God.

**20** Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God’s sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.

**21** But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify.

**22** This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile,

**23** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

**24** and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

**25** God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—

**26** he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

## **Gospel**

### **Matthew 9:9-13;18-29**

**9** As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector’s booth. “Follow me,” he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

**10** While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew’s house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples.

**11** When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

**12** On hearing this, Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.

**13** But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

**18** While he was saying this, a synagogue leader came and knelt before him and said, "My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live."

**19** Jesus got up and went with him, and so did his disciples.

**20** Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak.

**21** She said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed."

**22** Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," he said, "your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed at that moment.

**23** When Jesus entered the synagogue leader's house and saw the noisy crowd and people playing pipes,

**24** he said, "Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep." But they laughed at him.

**25** After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up.

**26** News of this spread through all that region.

**27** As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, calling out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!"

**28** When he had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" "Yes, Lord," they replied.

**29** Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith let it be done to you";