

Celebrate

Sunday, October 17, 2021
21st Sunday after Pentecost

Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who will be closest to Jesus, leading to Jesus teaching his followers about God's take on importance and power. Here, Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

Prayer of the Day

First Reading

Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.

and by his bruises we are healed.
 10 Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush
 him with pain.
 11 All we like sheep have gone astray;
 we have turned every one to his own way;
 and the LORD has laid on him
 the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth:
⁸For he said not, I am afflicted;
neither hath he said, I am poor.
⁹For he said not, I am afflicted;
neither hath he said, I am poor.

so he did not open his mouth.
⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away.

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Sustaining One, for all who volunteer for the vitality of this congregation, we praise you. Strengthen and encourage greeters, ushers, office volunteers, bakers, counters, committee and group leaders, teachers, students, evangelists, singers, builders, nurturers, and all who serve with generous hearts. Hear us, O God.

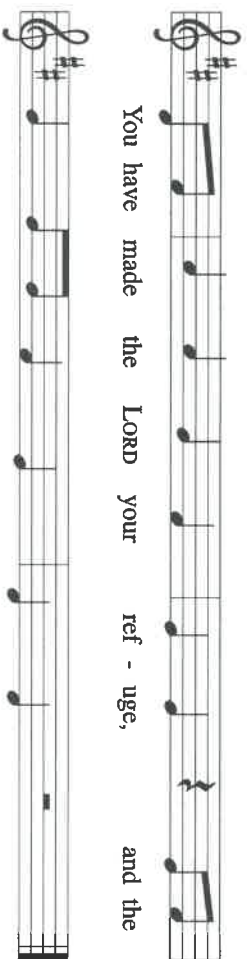
Here other intercessions may be offered.

Confident that you hear us, O God,
we boldly place our prayers into your
hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth
and life.
Amen.

Monday (Luke, Evangelist) Luke 1:1-4; 24:44-53 **Tuesday** 1 Samuel 10:17-25, **Wednesday** John 13:1-17, **Thursday** Psalm 126, **Friday** Hebrews 7:11-22, **Saturday** (commemoration of James of Jerusalem, martyr, c. 62) Mark 8:22-26, **22nd Sunday after Pentecost** Jeremiah 31:7-9; Psalm 126; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52.

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Most High your hab - i - ta - tion.

Because you have made the ' LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your ' habitation,
¹⁰no evil ' will befall you,

nor shall affliction come ' near your dwelling.

¹¹For God will give the angels charge ' over you,
to guard you in ' all your ways.

¹²**Upon their hands they will ' bear you up,
lest you strike your foot a- ' gainst a stone. R**

¹³You will tread upon the lion ' cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion ' and the serpent.

¹⁴**I will deliver those who ' cling to me;**

I will uphold them, because they ' know my name.

¹⁵They will call me, and I will ' answer them;

I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and ' honor them.

¹⁶**With long life will I ' satisfy them,
and show them ' my salvation. R**

First Reading, continued

¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion
with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the
strong;
because he poured out himself to death,

and was numbered with the
transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the
transgressors.

Second Reading

Hebrews 5:1-10

Using imagery from scripture and from Jewish worship practices, Jesus is presented as the great high priest who was obedient to God's saving plan. Through his suffering and death he has become the source of eternal salvation.

Every high priest chosen from among
mortals is put in charge of things pertain-
ing to God on their behalf, to offer gifts
and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal
gently with the ignorant and wayward,
since he himself is subject to weakness;
³and because of this he must offer sacri-
fice for his own sins as well as for those of
the people. ⁴And one does not presume
to take this honor, but takes it only when
called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So also Christ did not glorify him-
self in becoming a high priest, but was
appointed by the one who said to him,
"You are my Son,
today I have begotten you";

today I have begotten you";

⁶as he says also in another place,
"You are a priest forever,
according to the order of
Melchizedek."
⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus of-
fered up prayers and supplications, with
loud cries and tears, to the one who
was able to save him from death, and
he was heard because of his reverent
submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he
learned obedience through what he suf-
fered; ⁹and having been made perfect,
he became the source of eternal salva-
tion for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been
designated by God a high priest accord-
ing to the order of Melchizedek.

Gospel

Mark 10:35-45

On the way to Jerusalem the disciples ask Jesus to grant them seats of honor. Jesus responds by announcing that he and his followers will "rule" through self-giving service.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee,
came forward to him and said to him,
"Teacher, we want you to do for us what-
ever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said to
them, "What is it you want me to do for
you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us
to sit, one at your right hand and one
at your left, in your glory." ³⁸But Jesus
said to them, "You do not know what
you are asking. Are you able to drink
the cup that I drink, or be baptized
with the baptism that I am baptized
with?" ³⁹They replied, "We are able."
Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that
I drink you will drink; and with the bap-
tism with which I am baptized, you will
be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand

or at my left is not mine to grant, but it
is for those for whom it has been pre-
pared."

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began
to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So
Jesus called them and said to them,
"You know that among the Gentiles
those whom they recognize as their rul-
ers lord it over them, and their great
ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is
not so among you; but whoever wishes
to become great among you must be
your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to
be first among you must be slave of all.
⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be
served but to serve, and to give his life a
ransom for many."