

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 23 OCTOBER 2016

These readings are provided, first, so you can re-read and reflect on them during the week, and second, if you wish, to follow the readings during the service.

Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4

1 ¹ The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

² O Lord , how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you 'Violence!'
and you will not save?

³ Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

⁴ So the law becomes slack
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous—
therefore judgement comes forth
perverted.

2¹ I will stand at my watch-post,
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say
to me,
and what he will answer concerning
my complaint.

² Then the Lord answered me and said:
Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

³ For there is still a vision for the
appointed time;
it speaks of the end, and does not
lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.

⁴ Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith.

Psalm 119.137-144

¹³⁷ Righteous are you, Lord God:
and just are your judgements;
¹³⁸ The commands that you have
commanded:
are exceedingly righteous and true.
¹³⁹ Zeal and indignation have choked
my mouth:
because my enemies have forgotten
your words.
¹⁴⁰ Your word has been tried in the fire:
and therefore your servant loves it.
¹⁴¹ I am small and of no account:
but I have not forgotten your precepts.
¹⁴² Your righteousness is an everlasting
righteousness:
and your law is the truth.
¹⁴³ Trouble and anguish have taken hold
on me:
but your commandments are my delight.
¹⁴⁴ The righteousness of your
commands is everlasting:
O give me understanding, and I shall
live.

2 Thessalonians 1.1-4, 11-12

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the
church of the Thessalonians in God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
² Grace to you and peace from God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³ We
must always give thanks to God for you,
brothers and sisters, as is right, because
your faith is growing abundantly, and
the love of every one of you for one
another is increasing. ⁴ Therefore we
ourselves boast of you among the
churches of God for your steadfastness
and faith during all your persecutions
and the afflictions that you are
enduring. ¹¹ To this end we always pray
for you, asking that our God will make
you worthy of his call and will fulfil by

his power every good resolve and work
of faith, ¹² so that the name of our Lord
Jesus may be glorified in you, and you
in him, according to the grace of our
God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 19.1-10

¹ He entered Jericho and was passing
through it. ² A man was there named
Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector
and was rich. ³ He was trying to see
who Jesus was, but on account of the
crowd he could not, because he was
short in stature. ⁴ So he ran ahead and
climbed a sycamore tree to see him,
because he was going to pass that way.
⁵ When Jesus came to the place, he
looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus,
hurry and come down; for I must stay at
your house today.' ⁶ So he hurried down
and was happy to welcome him. ⁷ All
who saw it began to grumble and said,
'He has gone to be the guest of one who
is a sinner.' ⁸ Zacchaeus stood there and
said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my
possessions, Lord, I will give to the
poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of
anything, I will pay back four times as
much.' ⁹ Then Jesus said to him, 'Today
salvation has come to this house,
because he too is a son of Abraham.
¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek out
and to save the lost.'