



22 Pentecost

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 27

COLLECT

O GOD, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING : Job 19:23-27a

“OH THAT MY WORDS were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book! Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

Refrain

Keep me as the apple of your eye;
hide me under the shadow of your wings.

Psalm 17:1-8

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| 1 | Hear my plea of innocence,
O LORD; give heed to my
cry; * listen to my prayer,
which does not come from
lying lips. | 5 | My footsteps hold fast to
the ways of your law; * in
your paths my feet shall not
stumble. |
| 2 | Let my vindication come
forth from your
presence; * let your eyes be
fixed on justice. | 6 | I call upon you, O God, for
you will answer me; *
incline your ear to me and
hear my words. |
| 3 | Weigh my heart, summon
me by night, * melt me
down; you will find no
impurity in me. | 7 | Show me your marvelous
loving-kindness, * O Savior
of those who take refuge at
your right hand from those
who rise up against them. |
| 4 | I give no offense with my
mouth as others do; * I
have heeded the words of
your lips. | 8 | Keep me as the apple of
your eye; * hide me under
the shadow of your wings. |

SECOND READING : 2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5

BUT WE OUGHT always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal

comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word. Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command. May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

GOSPEL : Luke 20:27-38

THERE CAME TO JESUS some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, and they asked him a question, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. And the second and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. Afterward the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife." And Jesus said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him."