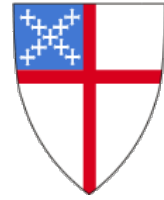


The Lessons Appointed for Use on the
Sunday closest to October 19



Year A
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Psalm 96:10-13

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Response

Psalm 96:1-9

Cantate Domino

- ¹ Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- ² Sing to the LORD and bless the Lord's Name; *
proclaim the good news of salvation from day to day.
- ³ Declare the glory of the Lord among the nations *
and the wonders of the Lord among all peoples.
- ⁴ For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
more to be feared than all gods.
- ⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- ⁶ Oh, the majesty and magnificence of the presence of the Lord! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of the sanctuary of our God!
- ⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- ⁸ Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the divine Name; *
come to the holy courts with your offerings.
- ⁹ Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble in awe.

The Epistle

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

The Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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