

Trinity 15

**The Collect**

KEEP, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**First Lesson**

Isaiah 49:14-18

But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me, my Lord has forgotten me." "Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. Behold, I have graven you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me. Your builders outstrip your destroyers, and those who laid you waste go forth from you. Lift up your eyes round about and see; they all gather, they come to you. As I live, says the LORD, you shall put them all on as an ornament, you shall bind them on as a bride does.

The Word of the Lord  
*Thanks be to God*

**Psalm 62**

1: For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation.

**2: He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly moved.**

3: How long will you set upon a man to shatter him, all of you, like a leaning wall, a tottering fence?

**4: They only plan to thrust him down from his eminence. They take pleasure in falsehood. They bless with their mouths, but inwardly they curse.**

5: For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.

**6: He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

7: On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

**8: Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.**

9: Men of low estate are but a breath, men of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.

**10: Put no confidence in extortion, set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, set not your heart on them.**

11: Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God;

**12: and that to thee, O Lord, belongs steadfast love. For thou dost requite a man according to his work.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost

*As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

### **The Epistle**

Galatians 6:11-18

See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

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### **The Holy Gospel**

*Glory be to thee, O Lord*

Matthew 6:24-34

"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well. Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Let the day's own trouble be sufficient for the day.

The Gospel of the Lord  
*Praise be to thee, O Christ*