

## **NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY AND PLEDGE SUNDAY - COLLECT, READINGS AND ALL HYMNS AND SONGS**

### **COLLECT**

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### **FIRST READING Isaiah 45:1-7**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him – and the gates shall not be closed: <sup>2</sup>I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, <sup>3</sup>I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. <sup>4</sup>For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. <sup>5</sup>I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, <sup>6</sup>so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. <sup>7</sup>I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

### **SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10**

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

<sup>1</sup>From Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. <sup>2</sup>We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, <sup>3</sup>constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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, <sup>7</sup>so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>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, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead – Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

## **GOSPEL Matthew 22:15-22**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

When the chief priests and Pharisees had heard the parables, they realised that Jesus was speaking about them. <sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' <sup>21</sup>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.' <sup>22</sup>When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

## **Christ the King**

<sup>1</sup>Christ is the King! O friends, rejoice;  
brothers and sisters, with one voice  
make all men know he is your choice.

<sup>2</sup>Oh magnify the Lord, and raise  
anthems of joy and holy praise  
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days.

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

<sup>3</sup>They with a faith forever new  
followed the King, and round him drew  
thousands of faithful men and true.

<sup>4</sup>O Christian women, Christian men,  
all the world over, seek again  
the Way disciples followed then.

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

<sup>5</sup>Christ through all ages is the same:  
place the same hope in his great name,  
with the same faith his word proclaim.

<sup>6</sup>Let Love's unconquerable might  
your scattered companies unite  
in service to the Lord of light.

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

<sup>7</sup>So shall God's will on earth be done,  
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun,  
and the whole Church at last be one.

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

## Praise Him

<sup>1</sup>Praise Him, praise Him,  
Praise Him in the morning,  
Praise Him in the noontime.  
Praise Him, Praise Him,  
Praise Him as the sun goes down!

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## O thou who camest from above

<sup>1</sup>O thou who camest from above  
the fire celestial to impart,  
kindle a flame of sacred love  
in the mean altar of my heart.

<sup>3</sup>Jesus, confirm my heart's desire  
to work and speak and think for thee;  
still let me guard the holy fire,  
and still stir up the gift in me.

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## Ye servants of the Lord

<sup>1</sup>Ye servants of the Lord,  
each for his coming wait,  
observant of his heav'nly word,  
and watchful at his gate.

<sup>3</sup>Watch! 'tis your Lord's command,  
and while we speak, he's near;  
mark the first signal of his hand,  
and ready all appear.

<sup>5</sup>Christ shall the banquet spread  
with his own bounteous hand,  
and raise each faithful servant's head  
amid th' angelic band.

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<sup>2</sup>Thank Him, Thank Him,  
Thank Him in the morning,  
Thank Him in the noontime.  
Thank Him, Thank Him,  
Thank Him as the sun goes down!

<sup>2</sup>There let it for thy glory burn  
with inextinguishable blaze,  
and trembling to its source return,  
in humble prayer and fervent praise.

<sup>4</sup>Still let me prove thy perfect will,  
my acts of faith and love repeat;  
till death thy endless mercies seal,  
and make the sacrifice complete.

<sup>2</sup>Let all your lamps be bright,  
and trim the golden flame;  
gird up your loins as in his sight,  
for awesome is his name.

<sup>4</sup>O happy servants they,  
in such a posture found,  
who share their Saviour's triumph day,  
with joy and honour crowned.

## Thanks to God whose Word was spoken

<sup>1</sup>Thanks to God whose Word was spoken  
in the deed that made the earth.  
His the voice that called a nation;  
his the fires that tried her worth.

*God has spoken:  
praise him for his open Word.*

<sup>2</sup>Thanks to God whose Word Incarnate  
glorified the flesh of man.  
Deeds and words and death and rising  
tell the grace in heaven's plan.

*God has spoken ...*

<sup>3</sup>Thanks to God whose Word was written  
in the Bible's sacred page,  
record of the revelation  
showing God to every age.

*God has spoken ...*

<sup>4</sup>Thanks to God whose Word is published  
in the tongues of every race.  
See its glory undiminished  
by the change of time or place.

*God has spoken ...*

<sup>5</sup>Thanks to God whose Word is answered  
by the Spirit's voice within.  
Here we drink of joy unmeasured,  
life redeemed from death and sin.

*God has spoken ...*

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