



21 PENTECOST

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 24



Revised Common Lectionary
TRACK ONE

Sunday, October 18, 2026

COLLECT

Traditional

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who in Christ hast revealed thy glory among the nations: Preserve the works of thy mercy, that thy Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of thy Name; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Contemporary

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.*

FIRST READING: Exodus 33:12-23

MOSES SAID TO THE LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we

shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.” The LORD said to Moses, “I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” Moses said, “Show me your glory, I pray.” And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The LORD’; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But,” he said, “you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.” And the LORD continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.”

Refrain

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God,
who is the Holy One.

Psalm 99 from the Book of Common Prayer

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| 1 The LORD is King; let
the people tremble; * he
is enthroned upon the
cherubim; let the earth
shake. | and awesome; * he is the
Holy One. |
| 2 The LORD is great in
Zion; * he is high above
all peoples. | 4 “O mighty King, lover
of justice, you have
established equity; * you
have executed justice
and righteousness in
Jacob.” |
| 3 Let them confess his
Name, which is great | 5 Proclaim the greatness
of the LORD our God |

and fall down before his
footstool; * he is the Holy
One.

6 Moses and Aaron among
his priests, and Samuel
among those who call
upon his Name, * they
called upon the LORD,
and he answered them.

7 He spoke to them out of
the pillar of cloud; * they
kept his testimonies and
the decree that he gave
them.

8 “O LORD our God, you
answered them indeed; *
you were a God who
forgave them, yet
punished them for their
evil deeds.”

9 Proclaim the greatness of
the LORD our God and
worship him upon his
holy hill; * for the LORD
our God is the Holy One.

SECOND READING: 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.

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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