

## **TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

### **COLLECT**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray  
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:  
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,  
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid  
and giving us those good things  
which we are not worthy to ask  
but through the merits and mediation  
of 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.

### **FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 51. 1-6**

*A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah*

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord.  
Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you  
were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was  
but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For  
the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make  
her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and  
gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me,  
my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me,  
and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance  
swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the  
coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the  
heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like  
gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be  
ended.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **SECOND READING**

**Romans 12.1–8**

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans*

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present  
your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your  
spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the

renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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**Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 16.13–20**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

**You are the Christ everlasting born for us all of a Virgin,**

**You have conquered death, opened heaven to all believers.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

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

***Glory be to you, O Lord***

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.’ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord*

**Praise be to you, O Christ**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

**POST COMMUNION**

God of all mercy,

in this eucharist you have set aside our sins  
and given us your healing:  
grant that we who are made whole in Christ  
may bring that healing to this broken world,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.