

## The Twenty-Third Sunday after Trinity

### *Isaiah 64:1-12*

Oh that thou wouldest rend the heavens, that thou wouldest come down, that the mountains might flow down at thy presence, as when the melting fire burneth, the fire causeth the waters to boil, to make thy name known to thine adversaries, that the nations may tremble at thy presence! When thou didst terrible things which we looked not for, thou camest down, the mountains flowed down at thy presence. For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him. Thou meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness, those that remember thee in thy ways: behold, thou art wroth; for we have sinned: in those is continuance, and we shall be saved. But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. And there is none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee: for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities. But now, O LORD, thou are our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand. Be not wroth very sore, O LORD, neither remember iniquity for ever: behold, see, we beseech thee, we are all thy people. Thy holy cities are a wilderness, Zion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation. Our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee, is burned up with fire: and all our pleasant things are laid waste. Wilt thou refrain thyself for these things, O LORD? wilt thou hold thy peace, and afflict us very sore?

### *Psalms 33:12-21*

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*V.* Blessed are the people whose God is the Lord JEHOVAH; \* and blessed are the folk that he hath chosen to him, to be his inheritance.

*R.* The LORD looketh down from heaven, and beholdeth all the children of men; \* from the habitation of his dwelling, he considereth all them that dwell on the earth.

*V.* He fashioneth all the hearts of them, \* and understandeth all their works.

*R.* There is no king that can be saved by the multitude of an host; \* neither is any mighty man delivered by much strength.

*V.* A horse is counted but a vain thing to save a man; \* neither shall he deliver any man by his great strength.

*R.* Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him, \* and upon them that put their trust in his mercy;

*V.* To deliver their soul from death, \* and to feed them in the time of dearth.

*R.* Our soul hath patiently tarried for the LORD; \* for he is our help and our shield.

*V.* For our heart shall rejoice in him; \* because we have hoped in his holy Name.

*R.* Let thy merciful kindness, O LORD, be upon us, \* like as we do put our trust in thee.

### *Philippians 3:17-21*

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Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.) For our citizenship is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: who shall change the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed unto the body of his glory, according to the working whereby he is able even to subject all things unto himself.

### *St. Matthew 22:15-22*

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Then went the Pharisees, and took counsel how they might entangle him in his talk. And they sent out unto him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, Master, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest thou for any man: for thou regardest not the person of men. Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not? But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites? Shew me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a penny. And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's. When they had heard these words, they marvelled, and left him, and went their way.