

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 10, 2023

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**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 10, 2023**

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# Today's Readings

Sunday, September 10, 2023  
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## Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## First Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-11

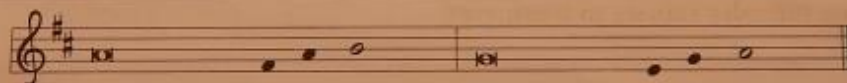
So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked

shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

<sup>10</sup>Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

## Psalm

Psalm 119:33-40; tone 1



Teach me, O LORD,  
the way <sup>1</sup> of your statutes,  
and I shall keep it <sup>1</sup> to the end.

<sup>34</sup>**Give me understanding,**  
and I shall <sup>1</sup> keep your teaching;  
I shall keep it with <sup>1</sup> all my heart.

<sup>35</sup>Lead me in the path  
of <sup>1</sup> your commandments,  
for that is <sup>1</sup> my desire.

<sup>36</sup>**Incline my heart to <sup>1</sup> your decrees**  
and not to <sup>1</sup> unjust gain.

<sup>37</sup>Turn my eyes from be- <sup>1</sup> holding  
falsehood;  
give me life <sup>1</sup> in your way.

<sup>38</sup>**Fulfill your promise <sup>1</sup> to your**  
servant,  
which is for <sup>1</sup> those who fear you.

<sup>39</sup>Turn away the reproach  
<sup>1</sup> that I dread,  
because your judg- <sup>1</sup> ments  
are good.

<sup>40</sup>**Behold, I long for <sup>1</sup> your**  
commandments;  
by your righteousness  
en- <sup>1</sup> liven me.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for

you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

## Gospel

## Matthew 18:15-20

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even

to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."