

Sentence of Scripture

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing.

Revelation 5.12

Prayer of the day

Everlasting God,
whose will is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King:
grant that the people of earth,
now divided and enslaved by sin,
may be freed and brought together under his gentle
and loving rule;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings

2 Samuel 23.1–7

¹ Now these are the last words of David:

The oracle of David, son of Jesse,
the oracle of the man whom God exalted,
the anointed of the God of Jacob,
the favorite of the Strong One of Israel:

² The spirit of the LORD speaks through me,
his word is upon my tongue.

³ The God of Israel has spoken,
the Rock of Israel has said to me:

One who rules over people justly,
ruling in the fear of God,

⁴ is like the light of morning,
like the sun rising on a cloudless morning,
gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.

⁵ Is not my house like this with God?

For he has made with me an everlasting covenant,
ordered in all things and secure.

Will he not cause to prosper
all my help and my desire?

⁶ But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away;
for they cannot be picked up with the hand;

⁷ to touch them one uses an iron bar
or the shaft of a spear.

And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

Psalms 132

¹ O LORD, remember David and all his trouble:

how he swore to the LORD and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob,

² "I will not enter the shelter of my house
nor climb into the comfort of my bed;

³ I will not give sleep to my eyes
or slumber to my eyelids,

⁴ Till I find a place for the ark of the LORD,
a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob."

⁵ Lo we heard of it in Ephrathah;

we found it in the fields of Jaar.

⁶“Let us go to the place of his dwelling:

let us fall upon our knees before his footstool.”

⁷ Arise, O LORD, into your resting place:

you, and the ark of your might.

⁸ Let your priests be clothed with righteousness:

and let your faithful ones shout for joy.

⁹ For the sake of David your servant:

do not turn away the face of your anointed.

¹⁰ The LORD has sworn to David:

an oath which he will not break;

¹¹ “One who is the fruit of your body:

I will set upon your throne.

¹² If your children will keep my covenant

and the commands which I teach them,

their children also, shall sit on your throne for ever.”

¹³ For the LORD has chosen Zion for himself:

he has desired it for his habitation:

¹⁴ “This shall be my resting place for ever:

here I will dwell, for my delight is in her:

¹⁵ I will bless her provisions with abundance:

I will satisfy her poor with bread.

¹⁶ I will clothe her priests with salvation:

and her faithful ones shall shout for joy.

¹⁷ There will I make a horn to sprout for the family for David:

I have prepared a lamp for my anointed.

¹⁸ As for his enemies I will cover them with shame:

but upon his head shall his crown be bright”

Revelation 1:4b-8

^{4b}Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

John 18:33-37

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

³³ Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴ Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” ³⁵ Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” ³⁶ Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” ³⁷ Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

This is the Gospel of our Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Next Week’s Readings

Jeremiah 33.14–16, Psalm 25.1–10, 1 Thessalonians 3.9–13, Luke 21.25–38.