Readings November 9, 2025 – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

FIRST READING: Job 19:23-27a

²³ "O that my words were written down!

O that they were inscribed in a book!

²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever!

²⁵ For I know that my vindicator lives and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;

²⁶ and after my skin has been destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God,

^{27a} whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 17:1-9 (Spoken Responsively)

- ¹Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed to my cry; listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
- ² Let my vindication come forth from your presence; let your eyes be fixed on justice.
- ³ Examine my heart, visit me by night, melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
- ⁴I have not regarded what others do; at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.
- ⁵ My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path; and my feet do not slip.
- ⁶I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; incline your ear to me and hear my words.
- ⁷ Show me your marvelous lovingkindness, O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise against them.
- ⁸ Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings,
- ⁹ from the wicked who assault me, from my deadly enemies who surround me.

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

¹ As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴ He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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People: Thanks be to God.