

## Readings September 29, 2024

### 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

#### First Reading: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

<sup>4</sup>The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! <sup>5</sup>We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; <sup>6</sup>but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

<sup>10</sup>Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup>So Moses said to the Lord, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? <sup>12</sup>Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nursing woman carries a sucking child,’ to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? <sup>13</sup>Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ <sup>14</sup>I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup>If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

<sup>16</sup>So the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

<sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

<sup>26</sup>Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a youth ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” <sup>28</sup>And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen ones, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord’s spirit be given to them all!”

## Psalm: Psalm 19:7-14

*The commandment of the Lord gives light to the eyes. (Ps. 19:8)*

<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the Lord is perfect and re-<sup>l</sup>vives the soul;  
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom<sup>l</sup> to the simple.

<sup>8</sup>**The statutes of the Lord are just and re-<sup>l</sup>joice the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light<sup>l</sup> to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the Lord is clean and en-<sup>l</sup>dures forever;  
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous<sup>l</sup> altogether.

<sup>10</sup>**More to be desired are they than gold, more than<sup>l</sup> much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey<sup>l</sup> in the comb. R**

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your ser-<sup>l</sup>vant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is<sup>l</sup> great reward.

<sup>12</sup>**Who can detect one's<sup>l</sup> own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my<sup>l</sup> secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get  
dominion<sup>l</sup> over me;

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a<sup>l</sup> great offense.

<sup>14</sup>**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be  
acceptable<sup>l</sup> in your sight,**

**O Lord, my strength and<sup>l</sup> my redeemer. R**

## **Second Reading: Wisdom of Solomon 7:26—8:1**

<sup>26</sup>For she is a reflection of eternal light,  
a spotless mirror of the working of God,  
and an image of his goodness.

<sup>27</sup>Although she is but one, she can do all things,  
and while remaining in herself, she renews all things;  
in every generation she passes into holy souls  
and makes them friends of God, and prophets;

<sup>28</sup>for God loves nothing so much as the person who lives with wisdom.

<sup>29</sup>She is more beautiful than the sun,  
and excels every constellation of the stars.

Compared with the light she is found to be superior,

<sup>30</sup>for it is succeeded by the night,  
but against wisdom evil does not prevail.

<sup>1</sup>She reaches mightily from one end of the earth to the other,  
and she orders all things well.

## **Gospel: Mark 9:38-50**

*On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus teaches his disciples about ministry that involves service and sacrifice. His disciples are slow to realize that these words apply to them as well as to others.*

<sup>38</sup>John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

<sup>42</sup>“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the dominion of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

<sup>49</sup>“For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”