



SUNDAY, AUGUST 21–27

TIME AFTER PENTECOST — LECTIONARY 21

Year C, Complementary Series

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:9b-14

A reading from Isaiah.

^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
¹¹The LORD will guide you continually
and satisfy your needs in parched places
and make your bones strong,
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water
whose waters never fail.
¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

¹³If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath,
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;
if you call the Sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the LORD honorable;
if you honor it, not going your own ways,
serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs;
¹⁴then you shall take delight in the LORD,
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Word of God, word of life. *or* The word of the Lord.

PSALMODY: Psalm 103:1-8

SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:18-29

A reading from Hebrews.

¹⁸You have not come to something that can be touched,
a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest,
¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words
made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them.
²⁰(For they could not endure the order that was given,
“If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.”
²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”)
²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God,
the heavenly Jerusalem,
and to innumerable angels in festal gathering,
²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven,
and to God the judge of all,
and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,
²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant,
and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking,
for if they did not escape
when they refused the one who warned them on earth,
how much less will we escape
if we reject the one who warns from heaven!
²⁶At that time the voice of God shook the earth, but now has promised,
“Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.”
²⁷This phrase, “Yet once more,”
indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—
so that what cannot be shaken may remain.
²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a dominion that cannot be shaken,
let us show gratitude,
by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe,
²⁹for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Word of God, word of life. *or* The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 13:10-17

The holy gospel according to Luke.

¹⁰Now [□]Jesus[□] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.

¹¹And just then there appeared a woman

with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years.

She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight.

¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said,

“Woman, you are set free from your ailment.”

¹³When Jesus laid his hands on her,

immediately she stood up straight and began praising God.

¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue,

indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd,

“There are six days on which work ought to be done;

come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day.”

¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites!

Does not each of you on the Sabbath

untie your ox or your donkey from the manger and lead it to water?

¹⁶And ought not this woman,

a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years,

be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?”

¹⁷When Jesus said this, all his opponents were put to shame,

and the entire crowd was rejoicing

at all the wonderful things being done by Jesus.

The gospel of the Lord.