

ST. JAMES PARISH CHURCH

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST PROPER 22 C

October 5

The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi (Blessing of Animals/pets)

Galatians 6:14-18 (

Psalm 148:7-14 (sept 14)

Matthew 11: 25-30 (Proper 9A)

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

THE COLLECT: PROPER 22C

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

THE FIRST READING -

The people: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 148

The whole of creation and all peoples join together in praise of the Lord.

7. Praise the LORD from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
8. Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;
9. Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;
10. Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds;
11. Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;
12. Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.
13. Let them praise the Name of the LORD, *
for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over
earth and heaven.

14. He has raised up strength for his people and
praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son: *
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now: *
and shall be forever. **Amen.**

THE SECOND READING: GALATIANS 6:14-18

Paul's final words to the Galatians remind us that the Christian life is one of grace, not law, and that true faith expresses itself in love and service to others.

A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Epistle of Paul to the Galatians, Chapter 6, beginning at the fourteenth verse.

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule-- peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

The Word of the Lord

The people: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 11:25-30

In this passage, Jesus informs that he is the Messiah and that John is the messenger who has prepared the way for him. But many do not recognize them for who he and John are.

Gospeler: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Gospeler: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to Christ Our Saviour.

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and

my burden is light.”

This is the Gospel of Christ
The people: Praise to Christ our Lord.

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