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**Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost  
November 3, 2019**

## **Prayer of the Day**

*Merciful God, gracious and benevolent, through your Son you invite all the world to a meal of mercy. Grant that we may eagerly follow his call, and bring us with all your saints into your life of justice and joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*

## **First Reading**

### **Isaiah 1:10-18**

Hear the word of the LORD,  
you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God,  
you people of Gomorrah!

<sup>11</sup> What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?  
says the LORD;

I have had enough of burnt-offerings of rams  
and the fat of fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls,  
or of lambs, or of goats.

<sup>12</sup> When you come to appear before me,  
who asked this from your hand?

Trample my courts no more;

<sup>13</sup> bringing offerings is futile;  
incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation—

I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

<sup>14</sup> Your new moons and your appointed festivals  
my soul hates;

they have become a burden to me,  
I am weary of bearing them.

<sup>15</sup> When you stretch out your hands,  
I will hide my eyes from you;

even though you make many prayers,  
I will not listen;

your hands are full of blood.

<sup>16</sup> Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;  
remove the evil of your doings

from before my eyes;

cease to do evil,  
<sup>17</sup> learn to do good;  
seek justice,  
rescue the oppressed,  
defend the orphan,  
plead for the widow.

<sup>18</sup> Come now, let us argue it out,  
says the LORD:  
though your sins are like scarlet,  
they shall be like snow;  
though they are red like crimson,  
they shall become like wool.

## **Second Reading**

### **2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12**

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,  
To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:  
2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
3 We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. <sup>4</sup>Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring. <sup>11</sup>To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfil by his power every good resolve and work of faith, <sup>12</sup>so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

## **Gospel**

### **Luke 19:1-10**

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. <sup>2</sup>A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. <sup>3</sup>He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. <sup>4</sup>So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. <sup>5</sup>When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' <sup>6</sup>So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. <sup>7</sup>All who saw it began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.' <sup>8</sup>Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.' <sup>9</sup>Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup>For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.'