

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY
October 23, 2022
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

FIRST READING: Sirach 35:12-17

- ¹² Give to the Most High as he has given to you,
and as generously as you can afford.
- ¹³ For the Lord is the one who repays,
and he will repay you sevenfold.
- ¹⁴ Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it;
¹⁵ and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice;
for the Lord is the judge,
and with him there is no partiality.
- ¹⁶ He will not show partiality to the poor;
but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged.
- ¹⁷ He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan,
or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

PSALM: Psalm 84:1-7

- ¹ How dear to me is your dwelling,
O LORD of hosts!
- ² **My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**
- ³ Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest
where she may lay her young,
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king and my God.
- ⁴ **Happy are they who dwell in your house!
They will always be praising you.**
- ⁵ Happy are the people whose strength is in you,
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- ⁶ **Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a place of springs,
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**
- ⁷ They will climb from height to height,
and the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

GOSPEL: Luke 18:9-14

⁹ [Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:¹⁰

“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”