

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY Oct. 10, 2021
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Job 23:1-12,16-17

- 1Job answered [his friend:]
2"Today also my complaint is bitter;
 [God's] hand is heavy despite my groaning.
3Oh, that I knew where I might find him,
 that I might come even to his dwelling!
4I would lay my case before him,
 and fill my mouth with arguments.
5I would learn what he would answer me,
 and understand what he would say to me.
6Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power?
 No; but he would give heed to me.
7There an upright person could reason with him,
 and I should be acquitted forever by my judge.
- 8"If I go forward, he is not there;
 or backward, I cannot perceive him;
9on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him;
 I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.
10 But he knows the way that I take;
 when he has tested me, I shall come out like gold.
11 My foot has held fast to his steps;
 I have kept his way and have not turned aside.
12 I have not departed from the commandment of his lips;
 I have treasured in[d] my bosom the words of his mouth.
16God has made my heart faint;
 the Almighty has terrified me;
17If only I could vanish in darkness,
 and thick darkness would cover my face!"

Psalm: Psalm 22:1-15

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why so far from saving me, so far from the words of my
groaning?

2 My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer;
by night, but I find no rest.

3 Yet you are the Holy One,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

4 Our ancestors put their trust in you,
they trusted, and you rescued them.

5 They cried out to you and were delivered;
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

6 But as for me, I am a worm and not human,
scorned by all and despised by the people.

7 All who see me laugh me to scorn;
they curl their lips; they shake their heads.

8 "Trust in the Lord; let the Lord deliver;
let God rescue him if God so delights in him."

9 Yet you are the one who drew me forth from the womb,
and kept me safe on my mother's breast.

10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.

11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near,
and there is no one to help.

12 Many young bulls encircle me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

13 They open wide their jaws at me,
like a slashing and roaring lion.

14 I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;
my heart within my breast is melting wax.

15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to
the roof of my mouth; and you have laid me in the dust of death.

GOSPEL: Mark 10:32-45

32They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what was to happen to him, 33saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles; 34they will mock him, and spit upon him, and flog him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise again."

35James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." 36And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" 37And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." 38But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" 39They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; 40but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

41When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. 42So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. 43But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, 44and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. 45For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."