

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

First Reading: Job 38:1-7 [34-41]

1The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

2"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

3Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

4"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

5Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

6On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

7when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

34"Can you lift up your voice to the clouds,
so that a flood of waters may cover you?

35Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go
and say to you, 'Here we are'?

36Who has put wisdom in the inward parts,
or given understanding to the mind?

37Who has the wisdom to number the clouds?

Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens,

38when the dust runs into a mass

and the clods cling together?

39"Can you hunt the prey for the lion,
or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,

40when they crouch in their dens,

or lie in wait in their covert?

41Who provides for the raven its prey,

when its young ones cry to God,

and wander about for lack of food?"

Psalm: Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God, you are very great!
You are clothed with majesty and splendor.

2 You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak
and stretch out the heavens like a tent.

3 You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above;
you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the
wind.

4 You make the winds your messengers
and flames of fire your servants.

5 You set the earth upon its foundations,
so that from now until forever it shall never be moved.

6 You covered it with the deep as with a garment;
the waters stood above the mountains.

7 At your rebuke the waters fled,
scattered by your voice of thunder.

8 They went up into the mountains and descended down to the
valleys,
to the place where you assigned them.

9 You set the limits that they should not pass;
never shall they return to cover the earth again.

24 How manifold are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your
creatures.

35b Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Hallelujah!

GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-31

17As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 18Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. 19You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" 20He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." 21Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." 22When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

23Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!"

24And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! 25It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

26They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" 27Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

28Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." 29Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, 30who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. 31But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."