

# Simon and Jude, Apostles and Martyrs

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## Prayer of the Day

Almighty God,  
you have built your Church  
on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,  
with Jesus Christ himself as the chief cornerstone:  
we thank you for the apostles Simon and Jude,  
and we pray that we may reveal your love and mercy,  
and being joined in unity of spirit  
may grow into a holy temple, acceptable to you;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy,

*Chapter 32 beginning at Verse 1*

<sup>1</sup>Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak; let the earth hear the words of my mouth. <sup>2</sup>May my teaching drop like the rain, my speech condense like the dew; like gentle rain on grass, like showers on new growth. <sup>3</sup>For I will proclaim the name of the Lord; ascribe greatness to our God!

<sup>4</sup>The Rock, his work is perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God, without deceit, just and upright is he; [NRSV Deuteronomy 32:1-4]

Hear the word of the Lord, ***thanks be to God***

## Psalm 19:1-6

- <sup>1</sup> The heavens declare the glory of God:  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork;
- <sup>2</sup> One day tells it to another:  
and night to night communicates knowledge.
- <sup>3</sup> There is no speech or language:  
nor are their voices heard;

- 4 Yet their sound has gone out through all the world:  
and their words to the ends of the earth.
- 5 There he has pitched a tent for the sun:  
which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber,  
and rejoices like a strong man to run his course.
- 6 Its rising is at one end of the heavens,  
and its circuit to their farthest bound:  
and nothing is hidden from its heat.

**A reading from letter of Jude,**  
*beginning at Verse 1*

<sup>1</sup>Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and brother of James, To those who are called, who are beloved in God the Father and kept safe for Jesus Christ:

<sup>2</sup>May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance.

<sup>3</sup>Beloved, while eagerly preparing to write to you about the salvation we share, I find it necessary to write and appeal to you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints.

<sup>17</sup>But you, beloved, must remember the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; <sup>18</sup>for they said to you, "In the last time there will be scoffers, indulging their own ungodly lusts." <sup>19</sup>It is these worldly people, devoid of the Spirit, who are causing divisions. <sup>20</sup>But you, beloved, build yourselves up on your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; <sup>21</sup>keep yourselves in the love of God; look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. <sup>22</sup>And have mercy on some who are wavering; <sup>23</sup>save others by snatching them out of the fire; and have mercy on still others with fear, hating even the tunic defiled by their bodies.

<sup>24</sup>Now to him who is able to keep you from falling, and to make you stand without blemish in the presence of his glory with rejoicing, <sup>25</sup>to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

[NRSV Jude 1-3, 17-25]

Hear the word of the Lord, ***thanks be to God.***

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke,**  
*Chapter 6 beginning at verse 12*

***Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.***

<sup>12</sup>Now during those days he went out to the mountain to pray; and he spent the night in prayer to God. <sup>13</sup>And when day came, he called his disciples and chose twelve of them, whom he also named apostles: <sup>14</sup>Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew, and James, and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, <sup>15</sup>and Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Alphaeus, and Simon, who was called the Zealot, <sup>16</sup>and Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

[NRSV Luke 6:12-16]

This is the Gospel of the Lord, ***praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.***

Sentence

**Jesus said, 'You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should abide.'**