

Simon and Jude, Apostles and Martyrs

Year A

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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

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

⁴The 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

- ¹ The heavens declare the glory of God:
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork;
- ² One day tells it to another:
and night to night communicates knowledge.
- ³ 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**

¹Jude, 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: ²May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance.

³Beloved, 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.

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

²⁴Now 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, ²⁵to 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.

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