

Sentence:

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose

Mountain Sunday

Season of Creation
26th September 2021

Year B

Green

Prayer of the Day:

Mighty God,
majestic are mountains, inspiring are their peaks.
You made them to bring life to the heights,
and to bring life below them,
as they rise and erode.
Yet, lord, in our arrogance we remove the mountains for our own sakes,
we dam their waters, we lop their trees.
Grant us, loving Father, a better relationship with mountains, and with the
life they support,
so we can truly be in awe, and at one, with you, the Son and Spirit.

Amen.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah,

Chapter 65 beginning at verse 17.

- 17 For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.
- 18 But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a
delight.
- 19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.
- 20 No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
- 21 They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
- 22 They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

23 They shall not labour in vain,
or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—
and their descendants as well.

24 Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

[NRSV Isaiah 65: 17-25]

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

Psalm 48: 1-11 [ABPA p 270-271]

1 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised:
in the city of our God.
2 High and beautiful is his holy hill:
it is the joy of all the earth.
3 On Mount Zion where godhead truly dwells, stands the city of the great
King:
God is well known in her palaces as a sure defense.
4 For the kings of the earth assembled:
they gathered together and came on;
5 They saw, they were struck dumb:
they were astonished and fled in terror.
6 Trembling took hold on them, and anguish:
as on a woman in her travail;
7 Like the breath of the east wind:
that shatters the ships of Tarshish.
8 As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts:
in the city of our God, which God has established forever.
9 We have called to mind your loving-kindness, O God:
in the midst of your temple.
10 As your name is great, O God, so also is your praise:
even to the ends of the earth.
11 Your right hand is full of victory— let Zion's hill rejoice:
let the daughters of Judah be glad because of your judgments.

*A reading from the letter to the Romans,
Chapter 8 beginning at Verse 28.]*

²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God,
who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also
predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the
firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called;
and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also
glorified.

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?
³² He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not
with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's
elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus,

who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed
intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or
distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is
written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.
³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things
present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else
in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our
Lord.

[NRSV Romans 8:28-39]

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

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark,
Chapter 16 beginning at verse 14*

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁴ Later he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were sitting at the table;
and he upbraided them for their lack of faith and stubbornness, because they
had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. ¹⁵ And he said to them,
“Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation. ¹⁶ The
one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe
will be condemned. ¹⁷ And these signs will accompany those who believe: by
using my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; ¹⁸ they
will pick up snakes in their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt
them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.” [NRSV

Mark 16:14-18]

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