

Readings for October 28 (SS. Simon & Jude)

Psalm 116 (read responsively by half verse)

- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications, *
because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
- 2 The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; *
I suffered distress and anguish.
- 3 Then I called on the name of the Lord:
'O Lord, I pray, save my life!'
- 4 Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;
our God is merciful.
- 5 The Lord protects the simple;
when I was brought low, he saved me.
- 6 Return, O my soul, to your rest,
for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.
- 7 For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.
- 8 I walk before the Lord *
in the land of the living.
- 9 I kept my faith, even when I said, 'I am greatly afflicted';
I said in my consternation, 'Everyone is a liar.'
- 10 What shall I return to the Lord *
for all his bounty to me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call on the name of the Lord,
- 12 I will pay my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the Lord *
is the death of his faithful ones.
- 14 O Lord, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your serving-maid; you have loosed my bonds.
- 15 I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice *
and call on the name of the Lord.
- 16 I will pay my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people,
- 17 In the courts of the house of the Lord, *
in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Psalm 117 (read responsively by half verse)

1 Praise the Lord, all you nations! *
Extol him, all you peoples!

2 For great is his steadfast love towards us, *
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever. Praise the Lord!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

First Lesson

Isaiah 4:2-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

On that day the branch of the Lord shall be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the land shall be the pride and glory of the survivors of Israel. Whoever is left in Zion and remains in Jerusalem will be called holy, everyone who has been recorded for life in Jerusalem, once the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion and cleansed the bloodstains of Jerusalem from its midst by a spirit of judgement and by a spirit of burning. Then the Lord will create over the whole site of Mount Zion and over its places of assembly a cloud by day and smoke and the shining of a flaming fire by night. Indeed, over all the glory there will be a canopy. It will serve as a pavilion, a shade by day from the heat, and a refuge and a shelter from the storm and rain.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson

John 14:15-31

A reading from the Gospel according to St. John.

‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.’ Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, ‘Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?’ Jesus answered him, ‘Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. ‘I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, “I am going away, and I am coming to you.” If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe. I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me; but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us be on our way.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**