

Thursday, October 28, 2021/Simon and Jude, Apostles

Prayer of the Day

O God, we thank you for the glorious company of the apostles, and especially on this day for Simon and Jude. We pray that, as they were faithful and zealous in your mission, so we may with ardent devotion make known the love and mercy of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Psalm: Psalm 11

- ¹In the LORD I have taken refuge;
how then can you say to me, “Fly away like a bird to the hilltop;
²**for see how the wicked string the bow and fit their arrows to the string,
to shoot from the shadows at the true of heart.**
³When the foundations are being destroyed,
what can the righteous do?”
⁴**The LORD is in the holy temple, enthroned in heaven.
God’s eyes keep careful watch, they weigh our worth.**
⁵The LORD tests both righteous and wicked
but abhors those who love violence.
⁶Upon the wicked God shall rain coals of fire and burning sulfur;
a scorching wind shall be their lot.
⁷For the LORD is righteous, delighting in righteous deeds;
and the just shall see God’s face.

Second Reading: 1 John 4:1-6

¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God; for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. And this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming; and now it is already in the world. ⁴Little children, you are from God, and have conquered them; for the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore what they say is from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us, and whoever is not from God does not listen to us. From this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

Gospel: John 14:21-27

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ²¹“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.” ²²Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?” ²³Jesus 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. ²⁴Whoever 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.

²⁵“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But 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. ²⁷Peace 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.”