

**COLLECT: (*Remain Standing*)**

Almighty God, we praise your Name for your bishop and martyr Ignatius of Antioch, who offered himself as grain to be ground by the teeth of wild beasts that he might present to you the pure bread of sacrifice. Accept, we pray, the willing tribute of our lives and give us a share in the pure and spotless offering of your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**First Reading: Jeremiah 36:27-37:2 (*Please be seated*)**

Reader: A reading from the book of Jeremiah.

Now, after the king had burned the scroll with the words that Baruch wrote at Jeremiah's dictation, the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah: Take another scroll and write on it all the former words that were in the first scroll, which King Jehoiakim of Judah has burned. And concerning King Jehoiakim of Judah you shall say: Thus says the Lord, You have dared to burn this scroll, saying, Why have you written in it that the king of Babylon will certainly come and destroy this land, and will cut off from it human beings and animals? Therefore thus says the Lord concerning King Jehoiakim of Judah: He shall have no one to sit upon the throne of David, and his dead body shall be cast out to the heat by day and the frost by night. And I will punish him and his offspring and his servants for their iniquity; I will bring on them, and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and on the people of Judah, all the disasters with which I have threatened them—but they would not listen.

Then Jeremiah took another scroll and gave it to the secretary Baruch son of Neriah, who wrote on it at Jeremiah's dictation all the words of the scroll that King Jehoiakim of Judah had burned in the fire; and many similar words were added to them.

Zedekiah son of Josiah, whom King Nebuchadrezzar of Babylon made king in the land of Judah, succeeded Coniah son of Jehoiakim. But neither he nor his servants nor the people of the land listened to the words of the Lord that he spoke through the prophet Jeremiah.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God**

# Psalm

Reader: Let us pray together the words of Psalm 5.

1 Give ear to my words, O Lord; \*  
consider my meditation.

2 Hearken to my cry for help, my King and my  
God, \*  
for I make my prayer to you.

3 In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice; \*  
early in the morning I make my appeal and  
watch for you.

4 For you are not a God who takes pleasure in  
wickedness, \*  
and evil cannot dwell with you.

5 Braggarts cannot stand in your sight; \*  
you hate all those who work wickedness.

6 You destroy those who speak lies; \*  
the bloodthirsty and deceitful, O Lord, you  
abhor.

7 But as for me, through the greatness of your  
mercy I will go into your house; \*  
I will bow down toward your holy temple in  
awe of you.

8 Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness,  
because of those who lie in wait for me; \*  
make your way straight before me.

9 For there is no truth in their mouth; \*  
there is destruction in their heart;

10 Their throat is an open grave; \*  
they flatter with their tongue.

11 Declare them guilty, O God; \*  
let them fall, because of their schemes.

12 Because of their many transgressions cast  
them out, \*  
for they have rebelled against you.

13 But all who take refuge in you will be glad; \*  
they will sing out their joy for ever.

14 You will shelter them, \*  
so that those who love your Name may exult in  
you.

15 For you, O Lord, will bless the righteous; \*  
you will defend them with your favor as with a  
shield.

## **1 Corinthians 14:1-12** *(Please be seated)*

Reader: A reading from the book of 1st Corinthians.

Pursue love and strive for the spiritual gifts, and especially that you may prophesy. For those who speak in a tongue do not speak to other people but to God; for nobody understands them, since they are speaking mysteries in the Spirit. On the other hand, those who prophesy speak to other people for their building up and encouragement and consolation. Those who speak in a tongue build up themselves, but those who prophesy build up the church. Now I would like all of you to speak in tongues, but even more to prophesy. One who prophesies is greater than one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be built up.

Now, brothers and sisters, if I come to you speaking in tongues, how will I benefit you unless I speak to you in some revelation or knowledge or prophecy or teaching? It is the same way with lifeless instruments that produce sound, such as the flute or the harp. If they do not give distinct notes, how will anyone know what is being played? And if the bugle gives an indistinct sound, who will get ready for battle? So with yourselves; if in a tongue you utter speech that is not intelligible, how will anyone know what is being said? For you will be speaking into the air. There are doubtless many different kinds of sounds in the world, and nothing is without sound. If then I do not know the meaning of a sound, I will be a foreigner to the speaker and the speaker a foreigner to me. So with yourselves; since you are eager for spiritual gifts, strive to excel in them for building up the church.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **Matthew 10:16-23** *(Please stand as you are able)*

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

'See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

Deacon or Priest: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, Lord Christ**