

Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>

[William Bliss & Richard Ely](#)

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

Blessed God, whose Son Jesus came as servant to all: We offer thanks for William Bliss and Richard Ely, whose dedication to the commonweal through economic justice led them to be bold reformers of the world and the Church; and we pray that we, with them, may find our true happiness through self-sacrifice in service of thy reign, where all the hungry are fed and the downtrodden are raised up through Jesus Christ our Liberator; who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**First Reading: Micah 1:1-9 (*Please be seated*)**

Reader: A reading from the book of Micah.

The word of the Lord that came to Micah of Moresheth in the days of Kings Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.

Hear, you peoples, all of you;  
listen, O earth, and all that is in it;  
and let the Lord God be a witness against you,

the Lord from his holy temple.  
For lo, the Lord is coming out of his place,  
and will come down and tread upon the high places of the earth.

Then the mountains will melt under him  
and the valleys will burst open,  
like wax near the fire,  
like waters poured down a steep place.

All this is for the transgression of Jacob  
and for the sins of the house of Israel.

What is the transgression of Jacob?

Is it not Samaria?

And what is the high place of Judah?

Is it not Jerusalem?

Therefore I will make Samaria a heap in the

open country,

a place for planting vineyards.

I will pour down her stones into the valley,  
and uncover her foundations.

All her images shall be beaten to pieces,

all her wages shall be burned with fire,

and all her idols I will lay waste;

for as the wages of a prostitute she gathered them,

and as the wages of a prostitute they shall again be used.

For this I will lament and wail;

I will go barefoot and naked;

I will make lamentation like the jackals,

and mourning like the ostriches.

For her wound is incurable.

It has come to Judah;

it has reached to the gate of my people,  
to Jerusalem.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God**

# Psalm

Reader: Let us pray together the words of **Psalm 120**.

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| 1 When I was in trouble, I called to the Lord; *<br>I called to the Lord, and he answered me. | along with hot glowing coals.  |
| 2 Deliver me, O Lord, from lying lips *<br>and from the deceitful tongue.                     | 5 How hateful it is that I must lodge in<br>Meshech *<br>and dwell among the tents of Kedar! |
| 3 What shall be done to you, and what more<br>besides, *<br>O you deceitful tongue?           | 6 Too long have I had to live *<br>among the enemies of peace.                               |
| 4 The sharpened arrows of a warrior, *  | 7 I am on the side of peace, *<br>but when I speak of it, they are for war.                  |

## **Acts 23:12-24** (*Please be seated*)

Reader: A reading from the book of Acts.

In the morning the Jews joined in a conspiracy and bound themselves by an oath neither to eat nor drink until they had killed Paul. There were more than forty who joined in this conspiracy. They went to the chief priests and elders and said, 'We have strictly bound ourselves by an oath to taste no food until we have killed Paul. Now then, you and the council must notify the tribune to bring him down to you, on the pretext that you want to make a more thorough examination of his case. And we are ready to do away with him before he arrives.'

Now the son of Paul's sister heard about the ambush; so he went and gained entrance to the barracks and told Paul. Paul called one of the centurions and said, 'Take this young man to the tribune, for he has something to report to him.' So he took him, brought him to the tribune, and said, 'The prisoner Paul called me and asked me to bring this young man to you; he has something to tell you.' The tribune took him by the hand, drew him aside privately, and asked, 'What is it that you have to report to me?' He answered, 'The Jews have agreed to ask you to bring Paul down to the council tomorrow, as though they were going to inquire more thoroughly into his case. But do not be persuaded by them, for more than forty of their men are lying in ambush for him. They have bound themselves by an oath neither to eat nor drink until they kill him. They are ready now and are waiting for your consent.' So the tribune dismissed the young man, ordering him, 'Tell no one that you have informed me of this.'

Then he summoned two of the centurions and said, 'Get ready to leave by nine o'clock tonight for Caesarea with two hundred soldiers, seventy horsemen, and two hundred spearmen. Also provide mounts for Paul to ride, and take him safely to Felix the governor.'

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **Luke 7:1-17** *(Please stand as you are able)*

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

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

After Jesus had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. A centurion there had a slave whom he valued highly, and who was ill and close to death. When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to him, asking him to come and heal his slave. When they came to Jesus, they appealed to him earnestly, saying, 'He is worthy of having you do this for him, for he loves our people, and it is he who built our synagogue for us.' And Jesus went with them, but when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to say to him, 'Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; therefore I did not presume to come to you. But only speak the word, and let my servant be healed. For I also am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, "Go", and he goes, and to another, "Come", and he comes, and to my slave, "Do this", and the slave does it.' When Jesus heard this he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, he said, 'I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith.' When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

Soon afterwards he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, 'Do not weep.' Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, 'Young man, I say to you, rise!' The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, 'A great prophet has risen among us!' and 'God has looked favourably on his people!' This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.

**Priest:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Christ**