

# Readings for 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021

(from *New International Version bible*)

**PLEASE NOTE:** All readers are encouraged to read off right hand screen ie the one in front of the Lectern.

## A reading from Job 23:1-9, 16, 17

<sup>1</sup> Then Job replied: <sup>2</sup> “Even today my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy in spite of my groaning. <sup>3</sup> If only I knew where to find him; if only I could go to his dwelling! <sup>4</sup> I would state my case before him and fill my mouth with arguments. <sup>5</sup> I would find out what he would answer me, and consider what he would say to me. <sup>6</sup> Would he vigorously oppose me? No, he would not press charges against me. <sup>7</sup> There the upright can establish their innocence before him, and there I would be delivered forever from my judge. <sup>8</sup> “But if I go to the east, he is not there; if I go to the west, I do not find him. <sup>9</sup> When he is at work in the north, I do not see him; when he turns to the south, I catch no glimpse of him.

<sup>16</sup> God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me. <sup>17</sup> Yet I am not silenced by the darkness, by the thick darkness that covers my face.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Cong: *Thanks be to God*

## A reading from Hebrews 4:12-16

<sup>12</sup> For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. <sup>13</sup> Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account. <sup>14</sup> Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Cong: *Thanks be to God*

# A reading from the Gospel of Mark 10:35-45

(Please invite the congregation to stand to hear the Gospel reading)

<sup>35</sup> Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask." <sup>36</sup> "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked. <sup>37</sup> They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory." <sup>38</sup> "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?" <sup>39</sup> "We can," they answered. Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, <sup>40</sup> but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared." <sup>41</sup> When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. <sup>42</sup> Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup> Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup> and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup> For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord

Cong: *Praise be to you O Christ*