

# Readings for 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023

*(from New International Version bible)*

## A reading from Psalm 86:11-15

<sup>11</sup> Teach me your way, Lord, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name. <sup>12</sup> I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever. <sup>13</sup> For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the depths, from the realm of the dead. <sup>14</sup> Arrogant foes are attacking me, O God; ruthless people are trying to kill me— they have no regard for you. <sup>15</sup> But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.

## A reading from Ephesians 5:15-20

<sup>15</sup> Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup> making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. <sup>18</sup> Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, <sup>20</sup> always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## A reading from Colossians 3:12-14

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup> And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

## A reading from Matthew 18:21-22

<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?"<sup>22</sup> Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.