

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 2, 2022

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

¹The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw. ²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? ³Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴So the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted.

¹I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint. ²And the LORD answered me: “Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. ³For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end — it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. ⁴Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.”

Psalm 62

¹For God alone my soul in | silence waits;*
from him comes | my salvation.

²**He alone is my rock and | my salvation,*
my stronghold, so that I shall not be | greatly shaken.**

³How long will you assail me to crush me, all of | you together,*
as if you were a leaning fence, a | toppling wall?

⁴**They seek only to bring me down from my | place of honor;*
lies are their | chief delight.**

⁵They bless | with their lips,*
but in their | hearts they curse.

⁶**For God alone my soul in | silence waits;*
truly, my hope | is in him.**

⁷He alone is my rock and | my salvation,*
my stronghold, so that I shall | not be shaken.

⁸**In God is my safety | and my honor;*
God is my strong rock | and my refuge.**

⁹Put your trust in him al- | ways, O people,*
pour out your hearts before him, for God | is our refuge.

¹⁰**Those of high degree are but a | fleeting breath,*
even those of low estate can- | not be trusted.**

¹¹On the scales they are lighter | than a breath,*
all of | them together.

¹²**Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no | empty pride;*
though wealth increase, set not your | heart upon it.**

¹³God has spoken once, twice | have I heard it,*
that power be- | longs to God.

¹⁴**Steadfast love is | yours, O LORD,*
for you repay everyone according | to his deeds.**

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus, ²To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. ⁶For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. ⁸Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹²which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me. ¹³Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

Gospel: Luke 17:1-10

¹{Jesus} said to his disciples, “Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ²It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. ³Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, ⁴and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.” ⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶And the Lord said, “If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you. ⁷Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and recline at table’? ⁸Will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink’? ⁹Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.’”

Lessons for Next Week

Ruth 1:1-19a; Psalm 111; 2 Timothy 2:1-13; Luke 17:11-19