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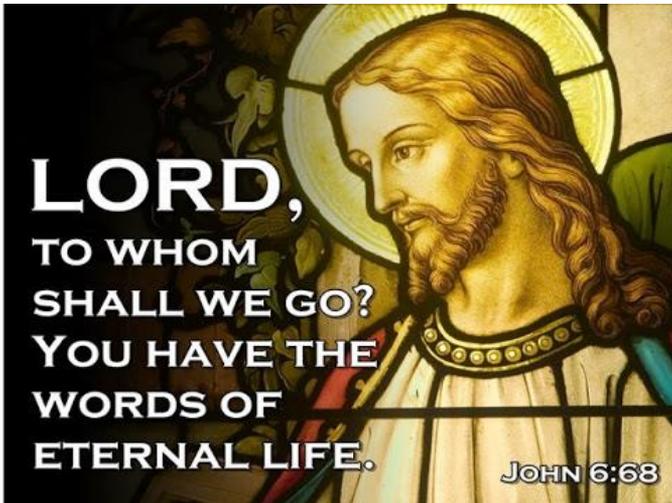
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## Lessons and Gospel

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### *THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY*



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### *Collect*

Let thy continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend thy Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy help, protect and govern it always by thy goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigns with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*The Lesson is written in the Twenty-fourth Chapter of The Book of the Prophet Joshua beginning at the first verse*

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel. And they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, "Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods, for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples

through whom we passed. And the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God. "But Joshua said to the people, "You are not able to serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, but we will serve the LORD." Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses. "He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your heart to the LORD, the God of Israel. "And the people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and his voice we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and put in place statutes and rules for them at Shechem.

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-25

### *Psalm 16*

- 1 Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
- 2 **I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."**
- 3 As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.
- 4 **The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.**

5 The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

**6 The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**

7 I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

**8 I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

**10 For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.**

11 You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

*The Lesson is written in the Fifth Chapter of the Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Ephesians beginning at the fifteenth verse*

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one

another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

(Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land." Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. Slaves, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, rendering service

with a good will as to the Lord and not to man, knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free. Masters, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him.

Ephesians 5:15-33 (6:1-9)

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
Saint John*

† When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you take offense at this? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father." After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. So Jesus said to the Twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."

John 6:60-69