25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the | LORD shall praise him:*
"May your heart | live forever!"
**26 All the ends of the earth shall remember**
**and turn | to the LORD,***
**and all the families of the nations shall | bow before him.**
27 For kingship belongs | to the LORD;*
he rules | over the nations.
**28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow | down in worship;***
**all who go down to the dust | fall before him.**
29 My soul shall live for him; my descen- | dants shall serve him;*
they shall be known as the | LORD'S forever.
**30 They shall come and make known to a people | yet unborn***
**the saving deeds that | he has done.**

## Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

14 Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. 8 Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. 9 And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,

## Gospel: John 18:1-19:42 (omitted here due to space constraints)

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# The Word of God

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## Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, look with mercy on your family of faith who are gathered here and across the world, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and given over into the hands of sinners and to suffer death on the cross; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## First Reading: Isaiah 52:13- 53:12

13 Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. 14 As many were astonished at you — his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind — 15 so shall he sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths because of him, for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand.

1 Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? 2 For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. 3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. 4 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned — every one — to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. 7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his

mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. 8By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? 9And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.10Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. 11Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. 12Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

## Psalm 22 (or Psalm 31)

1My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?*
and are so far from my cry
and from the words of | my distress?
**2O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you | do not answer;***
**by night as well, but I | find no rest.**
3Yet you are the | Holy One,*
enthroned upon the prais- | es of Israel.
**4Our forefathers put their | trust in you;***
**they trusted, and you de- | livered them.**
5They cried out to you and | were delivered;*
they trusted in you and were not | put to shame.
**6But as for me, I am a worm | and no man,***
**scorned by all and despised | by the people.**
7All who see me laugh | me to scorn;*
they curl their lips and wag | their heads, saying,
**8"He trusted in the LORD; let him de- | liver him;***
**let him rescue him, if he de- | lights in him."**
9Yet you are he who took me out | of the womb,*
and kept me safe upon my | mother's breast.
**10I have been entrusted to you ever since | I was born;***
**you were my God when I was still in my | mother's womb.**
11Be not far from me, for trou- | ble is near,*
and there is | none to help.
**12Many young bulls en- | circle me;***
**strong bulls of Ba- | shan surround me.**
13They open wide their | jaws at me,*
like a ravening and a | roaring lion.
**14I am poured out like water; all my bones are | out of joint;***
**my heart within my breast is | melting wax.**
15My mouth is dried out like a potsherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof | of my mouth;*
and you have laid me in the dust | of the grave.
**16Packs of dogs close me in,**
**and gangs of evildoers cir- | cle around me;***
**they pierce my hands and my feet.**
**I can count | all my bones.**
17They stare and gloat | over me;*
they divide my garments among them;
they cast lots | for my clothing.
**18Be not far a- | way, O LORD;***
**you are my strength; hast- | en to help me.**
19Save me | from the sword,*
my life from the power | of the dog.
**20Save me from the | lion's mouth,***
**my wretched body from the horns | of wild bulls.**
21I will declare your name | to my brethren;*
in the midst of the congregation | I will praise you.
**22Praise the LORD, | you that fear him;***
**stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;**
**all you of Jacob's | line, give glory.**
23For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his | face from them;*
but when they cry to | him he hears them.
**24My praise is of him in the | great assembly;***
**I will perform my vows in the presence**
**of those who | worship him.**