

stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL: Luke 18:9-14

JESUS TOLD THIS PARABLE to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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COLLECT

Traditional

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Contemporary

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING: Joel 2:23-32

O CHILDREN OF ZION, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never

again be put to shame. Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

Refrain

You crown the year with your goodness, O Lord.

Psalm 65 *from the Book of Common Prayer*

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| 1 You are to be praised,
O God, in Zion; * to
you shall vows be per-
formed in Jerusalem. | to your courts to dwell
there! * they will be
satisfied by the beauty
of your house, by the
holiness of your temple. |
| 2 To you that hear prayer
shall all flesh come, *
because of their trans-
gressions. | 5 Awesome things will
you show us in your
righteousness, O God
of our salvation, * O
Hope of all the ends
of the earth and of the
seas that are far away. |
| 3 Our sins are stronger
than we are, * but you
will blot them out. | |
| 4 Happy are they whom
you choose and draw | 6 You make fast the
mountains by your |

power; * they are girded
about with might.

7 You still the roaring of
the seas, * the roaring
of their waves, and the
clamor of the peoples.

8 Those who dwell at the
ends of the earth will
tremble at your marvel-
ous signs; * you make
the dawn and the dusk
to sing for joy.

9 You visit the earth and
water it abundantly;
you make it very plen-
teous; * the river of God
is full of water.

10 You prepare the grain, *
for so you provide for
the earth.

11 You drench the fur-
rows and smooth out
the ridges; * with heavy
rain you soften the
ground and bless its
increase.

12 You crown the year
with your goodness, *
and your paths over-
flow with plenty.

13 May the fields of the
wilderness be rich for
grazing, * and the hills
be clothed with joy.

14 May the meadows
cover themselves with
flocks, and the valleys
cloak themselves with
grain; * let them shout
for joy and sing.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

AS FOR ME, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord