Sunday, October 18, 2026
Proper 24, Year A

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

Semicontinuous First Reading and Psalm

Exodus 33:12-23

Psalm 99

Semicontinuous First Reading: Exodus 33:12-23

12 Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not
let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you
have also found favor in my sight.' 13 Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your
ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is
your people." 14 He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." 15 And he said
to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. 16 For how shall it be
known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this
way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."
17 The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found
favor in my sight, and I know you by name." 18 Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." 19 And
he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the
name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on
whom I will show mercy. 20 But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me
and live." 21 And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on
the rock; 22 and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover
you with my hand until I have passed by; 23 then I will take away my hand, and you shall see
my back; but my face shall not be seen."

Semicontinuous Psalm: Psalm 99

1 The Lord is King;
let the people tremble. *

He is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.
[2]The Lord is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.
[3]Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.
[4]"O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
[5]Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.
[6]Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.
[7]He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
[8]O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.
[9]Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

[1]Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

[2]We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly [3]remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. [4]For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, [5]because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. [6]And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, [7]so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. [8]For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in

Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. [9]For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, [10]and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

[15]Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. [16]So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. [17]Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" [18]But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? [19]Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. [20]Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" [21]They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." [22]When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.