

Sentence of Scripture

‘My word shall not return to me empty,’ says the Lord,
‘but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.’

Isaiah 55:11

Prayer of the day

Almighty God,
you have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts
and freed us from bondage to sin:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that we and all people may be brought
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Readings**Isaiah 55:10-13**

¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹²For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off. (NRSV)

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

Psalm 92:1-4,12-15

¹ How good to give thanks to the Lord:

to sing praises to your name, O Most High,

² To declare your love in the morning:

and at night to sing of your faithfulness,

³ Upon the lute, upon the lute of ten strings:

and to the melody of the lyre.

⁴ For in all you have done, O Lord, you have made me glad:

I will sing for joy because of the works of your hands.

¹² The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree:

they shall spread abroad like a cedar in Lebanon;

¹³ For they are planted in the house of the Lord:

and flourish in the courts of our God.

¹⁴ In old age they shall be full of sap:

they shall be sturdy and laden with branches;

¹⁵ And they will say that the Lord is just:

the Lord my rock, in whom is no unrighteousness.

1 Corinthians 15:51-58

⁵¹ Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³ For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." ⁵⁵ "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. (NRSV)

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Luke 6:39-49

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to . . .

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

³⁹ He also told them a parable: "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? ⁴⁰ A disciple is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully qualified will be like the teacher. ⁴¹ Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? ⁴² Or how can you say to your neighbor, 'Friend, let me take out the speck in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye.

⁴³ "No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; ⁴⁴ for each tree is known by its own fruit. Figs are not gathered from thorns, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. ⁴⁵ The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good, and the evil person out of evil treasure produces evil; for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks.

⁴⁶ "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I tell you? ⁴⁷ I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, hears my words, and acts on them. ⁴⁸ That one is like a man building a house, who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock; when a flood arose, the river burst against that house but could not shake it, because it had been well built. ⁴⁹ But the one who hears and does not act is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the river burst against it, immediately it fell, and great was the ruin of that house." (NRSV)

This is the Gospel of our Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**