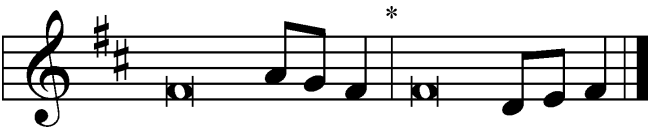SCRIPTURE READINGS
Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity

Psalm **[BOLD = Congregation]** *Psalm 85:1, 7, 9, 11;*
antiphon: Jeremiah 29:11a-12



I know the plans I have for you, de- | clares the LORD,*
plans for wholeness and not for | evil.

Then you will call upon me and come and | pray to me,*
and I will | hear you.

LORD, you were favorable | to your land;*
you restored the fortunes of | Jacob.

Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,*
and grant us your sal- | vation.

Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him,*
that glory may dwell | in our land.

Faithfulness springs up | from the ground,*
and righteousness looks down | from the sky.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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Old Testament Reading *Proverbs 8:11–22*

11 For wisdom is better than jewels,
and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.

12 "I, wisdom, dwell with prudence,
and I find knowledge and discretion.
13 The fear of the LORD is hatred of evil.
Pride and arrogance and the way of evil
and perverted speech I hate.
14 I have counsel and sound wisdom;
I have insight; I have strength.
15 By me kings reign,
and rulers decree what is just;
16 by me princes rule,
and nobles, all who govern justly.
17 I love those who love me,
and those who seek me diligently find me.
18 Riches and honor are with me,
enduring wealth and righteousness.
19 My fruit is better than gold, even fine gold,
and my yield than choice silver.
20 I walk in the way of righteousness,
in the paths of justice,
21 granting an inheritance to those who love me,
and filling their treasuries.

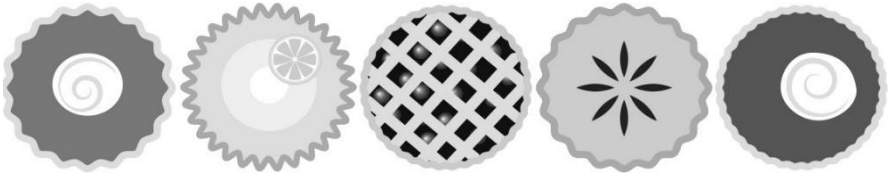
22 "The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of old."

Epistle *Philippians 3:17–21*

17 Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. 18 For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. 19 Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. 20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

Holy Gospel *Matthew 22:15-22*

15Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his
talk. 16And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians,
saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God
truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not
swayed by appearances. 17Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to
pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” 18But Jesus, aware of their malice, said,
“Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? 19Show me the coin for the
tax.” And they brought him a denarius. 20And Jesus said to them,
“Whose likeness and inscription is this?” 21They said, “Caesar’s.” Then
he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s,
and to God the things that are God’s.” 22When they heard it, they
marveled. And they left him and went away.



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