

Season of Pentecost

Tenth Sunday of Pentecost

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Opening prayer

Lord God, You provide us with gifts and blessings. Help us to use our gifts in the way You intended them in our lives, building a faithful community that is pleasing to You. Amen.

Psalm 121: 7-8

⁷The Lord will keep you from all harm— he will watch over your life; ⁸the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

Prayer

Holy and Immortal Lord sanctify our minds and purify our consciences, that we may praise you with purity and read your Holy Scriptures. To you be glory, forever. Amen

Letter 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

⁴There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

Gospel Matthew 12: 22-32

²²Then they brought him a demon-possessed man who was blind and mute, and Jesus healed him, so that he could both talk and see. ²³All the people were astonished and said, “Could this be the Son of David?” ²⁴But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, “It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this fellow drives out demons.” ²⁵Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and every city or household divided against itself will not stand. ²⁶If Satan drives out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then can his kingdom stand? ²⁷And if I drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your people drive them out? So then, they will be your judges. ²⁸But if it is by the Spirit of God that I drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

Concluding prayer

Father God, we come before You asking for guidance; help us to believe in Jesus, in his works, and in his love for us. Amen.