

Readings for 23rd August 2020 – Bartholomew, Apostle & Martyr

A reading from Deuteronomy chapter 18 beginning at verse 15. [18.15-18]

15 The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet.

¹⁶This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said:

‘If I hear the voice of the LORD my God anymore, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.’

¹⁷Then the LORD replied to me:

‘They are right in what they have said.

¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 145 beginning at verse 10. (10-18)

10. All creation praises you, O Lord:

and your faithful servants bless your name.

11. They speak of the glory of your kingdom:

and tell of your great might,

12. That the whole earth may know your mighty acts:

and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

13. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom:

and your dominion endures through all generations.

14. The Lord upholds all those who stumble:

and raises up those that are bowed down.

15. The eyes of all look to you in hope:

and you give them their food in due season;

16. You open wide your hand:

and fill all things living with your bounteous gift.

17. The Lord is just in all his ways:

and faithful in all his dealings.

18. The Lord is near to all who call upon him:

to all who call upon him in truth.

Glory to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen

A reading from the Revelation to John chapter 21 beginning at verse 9. [21.9-14]

9 Then one of the seven angels
who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me,
'Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.'
¹⁰And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain
and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.
¹¹It has the glory of God and a radiance like a very rare jewel, like jasper, clear as crystal.
¹²It has a great, high wall with twelve gates,
and at the gates twelve angels,
and on the gates are inscribed the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites;
¹³on the east three gates, on the north three gates,
on the south three gates, and on the west three gates.
¹⁴And the wall of the city has twelve foundations,
and on them are the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John chapter 1 beginning at verse 45. [1.45-51]

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him,
'We have found him about whom Moses in the law
and also the prophets wrote,
Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.'
⁴⁶Nathanael said to him,
'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?'
Philip said to him,
'Come and see.'
⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him,
'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!'
⁴⁸Nathanael asked him,
'Where did you come to know me?'
Jesus answered,
'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.'
⁴⁹Nathanael replied,
'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!'
⁵⁰Jesus answered,
'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree?
You will see greater things than these.'
⁵¹And he said to him,
'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened
and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.