

THE PROPER S FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER, 2011  
ROGATION SUNDAY

**THE COLLECT:** O Lord, from whom all good things do come; Grant to us, thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that are good, and by Thy merciful guiding, may perform the same, through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

**THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:**

**Ezekiel 34:25-31** <sup>25</sup> " I will make a covenant of peace with them, and cause wild beasts to cease from the land; and they will dwell safely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods. <sup>26</sup> "I will make them and the places all around My hill a blessing; and I will cause showers to come down in their season; there shall be showers of blessing. <sup>27</sup> "Then the trees of the field shall yield their fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase. They shall be safe in their land; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have broken the bands of their yoke and delivered them from the hand of those who enslaved them. <sup>28</sup> "And they shall no longer be a prey for the nations, nor shall beasts of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and no one shall make *them* afraid. <sup>29</sup> "I will raise up for them a garden of renown, and they shall no longer be consumed with hunger in the land, nor bear the shame of the Gentiles anymore. <sup>30</sup> "Thus they shall know that I, the LORD their God, *am* with them, and they, the house of Israel, *are* My people," says the Lord GOD.' " <sup>31</sup> "You are My flock, the flock of My pasture; you *are* men, and I *am* your God," says the Lord GOD.

**THE PSALM(S) 65 and 67**

**Psalms 65:1-13** <sup>KJV</sup> **Psalms 65:1** <To the chief Musician, A Psalm *and* Song of David.> Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Sion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed. <sup>2</sup> O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come. <sup>3</sup> Iniquities prevail against me: *as for* our transgressions, thou shalt purge them away. <sup>4</sup> Blessed *is the man whom* thou choosest, and causest to approach *unto thee, that* he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, *even* of thy holy temple. <sup>5</sup> By terrible things in righteousness wilt thou answer us, O God of our salvation; *who art* the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off *upon* the sea: <sup>6</sup> Which by his strength setteth fast the mountains; *being* girded with power: <sup>7</sup> Which stilleth the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people. <sup>8</sup> They also

that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy tokens: thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice. <sup>9</sup> Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it: thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, *which* is full of water: thou preparest them corn, when thou hast so provided for it. <sup>10</sup> Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: thou settlest the furrows thereof: thou makest it soft with showers: thou blessest the springing thereof. <sup>11</sup> Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness. <sup>12</sup> They drop *upon* the pastures of the wilderness: and the little hills rejoice on every side. <sup>13</sup> The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy, they also sing.

**Psalm 67:1-7** <sup>KJV</sup> <To the chief Musician on Neginoth, A Psalm *or* Song.> <sup>1</sup>God be merciful unto us, and bless us; *and* cause his face to shine upon us; Selah. <sup>2</sup> That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. <sup>3</sup> Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. <sup>4</sup> O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Selah. <sup>5</sup> Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. <sup>6</sup> *Then* shall the earth yield her increase; *and* God, *even* our own God, shall bless us. <sup>7</sup> God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

### THE EPISTLE LESSON

**James 1:22-27** <sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. <sup>23</sup> For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; <sup>24</sup> for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. <sup>25</sup> But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues *in it*, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does. <sup>26</sup> If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion *is* useless. <sup>27</sup> Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, *and* to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

### THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

**John 16:23b-33** Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. <sup>24</sup> "Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that

your joy may be full. <sup>25</sup> " These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father. <sup>26</sup> "In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you; <sup>27</sup> "for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God. <sup>28</sup> "I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father." <sup>29</sup> His disciples said to Him, "See, now You are speaking plainly, and using no figure of speech! <sup>30</sup> "Now we are sure that You know all things, and have no need that anyone should question You. By this we believe that You came forth from God." <sup>31</sup> Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? <sup>32</sup> "Indeed the hour is coming, yes, has now come, that you will be scattered, each to his own, and will leave Me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me. <sup>33</sup> "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."