

## Scriptures August 24, 2025

### First Reading

Psalm 71:1-6

*You have been my strength*

One: In you, God, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

**Many: In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.**

One: Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

**Many: Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.**

One: For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

**Many: From my birth I have leaned upon you, my protector since my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.**

*~Silence is Kept~*

### Second Reading

Hebrews 12:18-29 NRSV

<sup>18</sup> You have not come to something<sup>[a]</sup> that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, <sup>19</sup> and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup> (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' <sup>21</sup> Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') <sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup> and to the assembly<sup>[b]</sup> of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup> and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

<sup>25</sup> See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! <sup>26</sup> At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, 'Yet once more I

will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.’ <sup>27</sup> This phrase ‘Yet once more’ indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup> Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; <sup>29</sup> for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

### **Third Reading**

Luke 13:10-17 NRSV

*Jesus heals on the sabbath*

<sup>10</sup> Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. <sup>11</sup> And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, ‘Woman, you are set free from your ailment.’ <sup>13</sup> When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup> But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, ‘There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.’ <sup>15</sup> But the Lord answered him and said, ‘You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? <sup>16</sup> And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?’ <sup>17</sup> When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.