

**Scriptures: October 12, 2025**

**First Reading**

**Psalm 148**

***Praise God!***

One: Praise God! Praise God from the heavens;  
praise God in the heights!

**Many: Praise God, all you angels of God;  
praise God, all you heavenly host!**

One: Praise God, you sun and moon;  
praise him, all you shining stars!

**Many: Praise God, you highest heavens  
and you waters above the heavens!**

One: Let them praise the name of God,  
for God commanded and they were created.

**Many: God established them forever and ever;  
God fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

One: Praise the God from the earth,  
you sea monsters and all deeps,  
fire and hail, snow and frost,  
stormy wind fulfilling God's command!

**Many: Mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars!**

**Wild animals and all cattle,  
creeping things and flying birds!**

One: Rulers of the earth and all peoples,  
nobility and all rulers of the earth!

**Many: Young men and women alike,  
old and young together!**

One: Let them praise the name of the God,  
for God's name alone is exalted;  
God's glory is above earth and heaven.

**Many: God has raised up a horn for God's people,  
praise for all God's faithful, for the people of Israel who  
are close to God.**

One: Praise God, all creatures of the World!

## **Second Reading**

### **Jeremiah 29:1 NRSV**

#### **Jeremiah's Letter to the Exiles in Babylon**

**29** These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

### **Jeremiah 29:4-14 NRSV**

<sup>4</sup> Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: <sup>5</sup> Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. <sup>6</sup> Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. <sup>7</sup> But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. <sup>8</sup> For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream,<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>9</sup> for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the Lord.

<sup>10</sup> For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfil to you my promise and bring you back to this place. <sup>11</sup> For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. <sup>12</sup> Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. <sup>13</sup> When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, <sup>14</sup> I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

## Third Reading

### Luke 17:11-19 NRSV

#### Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers

<sup>11</sup> On the way to Jerusalem Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> As he entered a village, ten lepers<sup>[b]</sup> approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup> they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' <sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup> Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup> He prostrated himself at Jesus'<sup>[c]</sup> feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?' <sup>18</sup> Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' <sup>19</sup> Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'