

**Lectionary Readings**  
**July 19, 2020**

**Romans 8:18-25 New Revised Standard Version**

**Future Glory**

<sup>18</sup> I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.

<sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God;

<sup>20</sup> for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope

<sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

<sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now;

<sup>23</sup> and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

<sup>24</sup> For in<sup>[a]</sup> hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes<sup>[b]</sup> for what is seen?

<sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.