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*The Collects, Epistles, Gospels, and Psalms for the Holy Eucharist
according to the Book of Common Prayer (1962),
with a supplement of Old Testament Lessons.*

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Preface

to the One-Year Lectionary

I. Introduction to the One-Year Lectionary



HE traditional one-year lectionary in every edition of the Book of Common Prayer up to 1962 is its most enduring connection to the mind and practice of the early church, even more than the daily office and eucharistic services which have been revised more often down the centuries. The lectionary shows us how the early church understood the scriptures and understood itself. The scriptures are a witness to the person of Christ, who is alive, and through whom the church lives in God by faith. Christ is the church's living head, "for whom and to whom are all things" (1 Corinthians 8:6). The lectionary mirrors this faith because it is always structured "for Christ and to Christ"; in the lectionary, the readings break out of their canonical context to give voice to the church's communion with Jesus. The church's self-understanding as the body of Christ is so essential to the Christian message that, despite centuries of revisions to other aspects of the church's worship, the lectionary which emphasizes this theme has endured with relatively little change.

HISTORY

The Christian church inherits lectionary reading—the practice of reading scripture at public worship in a structured way associated with a calendar—from the synagogue, which to this day has a weekly Torah and Prophet selection for Sabbath services. In the New Testament, Jesus reads and interprets the appointed prophetic reading from Isaiah at the Nazareth

synagogue (Luke 4:16–21). Paul may be referring to the appointed synagogue readings when he tells Timothy to "devote [him]self to the public reading of Scripture" (1 Timothy 4:13). Showing early signs of a distinctly Christian lectionary practice, Paul commands that his letters be read during the church's worship (1 Thessalonians 5:27, Colossians 4:7). Justin Martyr records that the apostolic writings were read alongside the prophets in the second century.

Each early Christian community set its own pattern for the proclamation of the scriptures. Most communities engaged in *lectio continua* (reading through a book in order over several weeks), but practices varied widely, from reading in totally continuous canonical sequence to reading collage-like compositions of verses from several places in scripture. As the church calendar developed, congregations began associating readings with certain occasions. At the same time, churches across regions were woven together by developing episcopal superstructures, which became a vehicle for standardizing and spreading the worship patterns of the most influential churches, especially Jerusalem, Antioch, Alexandria, Rome, and Constantinople. Patristic testimony suggests that many places in Western Europe were still reading the Old Testament at the Eucharist until the seventh century, after which time only the city of Milan used the Old Testament regularly at Mass.

Our first reference to the existence of a complete lectionary for the entire year is from Gennadius of Marseilles in the middle of the fifth century, although he does not list the

readings. Around the same time, a document called the *Comes Hieronymi*, which is traditionally (and plausibly) attributed to St Jerome, first records particular readings for Sundays and Holy Days. The formative period of the Roman lectionary was in the seventh and eighth centuries, when it merged with and replaced local lectionaries across Western Europe, partly under the influence of standardization efforts during the Carolingian period. Although changes would later occur in the readings for individual occasions, the outline of the Western one-year lectionary has remained in place ever since.

It is remarkable—and a testimony to the lectionary’s enduring value—that in both Lutheran and Anglican realms the traditional lectionary remained mostly intact through the Reformation. Thomas Cranmer’s revisions to the lectionary in the first Book of Common Prayer involved the lengthening of several readings to include an entire biblical pericope, a small number of moved or changed readings on Sundays, and a greater number of substitutions on Holy Days, usually in the Collects and Epistles. The 1962 Canadian Book of Common Prayer introduced another round of revisions—arguably more intrusive than the Reformation changes—but still the 1962 Prayer Book agrees with the medieval readings more often than it disagrees.

PURPOSE OF THE ONE-YEAR LECTIONARY

However, antiquity alone could not justify continuing to use the one-year lectionary today. The best apology for the ancient lectionary is the one St Paul gave for all of scripture: it is given “to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus” and it is “profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness” (2 Timothy 3:15–17). The purpose for which God breathed

out the scriptures is not so that we could know the scriptures, but so that we could know *him*. Scripture is for given for our “training,” our formation, so that we can achieve spiritual maturity (Ephesians 4:13) as we are conformed to the image of God’s Son (Romans 8:29).

In the patristic and medieval periods, the difference between reading for the sake of familiarity with the text and reading for the sake of spiritual enlargement was discussed as a difference between “literal” and “allegorical” reading. The meaning of these terms has shifted in modern times, so that we now take “literal” to mean “reading the text according to its intention and context” and we take “allegorical” to mean “reading the text as a metaphor for a concern extrinsic to the text itself.” But ancient commentators understood the contrast differently: “literal” and “allegorical” refer to different levels on which a text operates simultaneously, both intrinsic to the text. Literal reading concerns the “facts” of the text: facts about the story it tells, facts about its prose or poetry style, facts about the logical structure of its argument, etc. Good literal reading yields a “detached,” “scholarly,” or “neutral” view, an understanding of details in the text with no interpretive comment on their relationship to the reader or the reader’s world. These higher-level questions about a text’s meaning to us, the validity of its claims, its appeal to our moral intuitions, its ability to stir our hopes and fears, and every other question of response and application, belonged to the “allegorical sense.”

The one-year lectionary is built for allegorical reading. Through it we learn about Jesus himself rather than learning about the biblical text which testifies to him. The one-year lectionary dislocates its readings from their context in the canon of scripture—canonical con-

text being a concern which belongs to the “literal” analysis of the biblical textual tradition—to help the church realize the purposes for which it reads scripture in worship at all. The lectionary proclaims the lordship of Jesus Christ, it testifies to the church’s encounter with that living Christ, and forms the faithful into mature members of his body. The lectionary is an allegory, a text that comes pre-encoded with an interpretive purpose. This purpose is to show Jesus to the church as he is understood by the church’s faith.

Both before and after the Reformation, commentators have presented lectionary’s testimony to Christ as an aspect of the church’s “doctrine,” since the essential elements of the church’s belief are represented with simplicity and acuity in the traditional readings. For example, rather than focusing primarily on the birth narrative as one might expect, the principal service for Christmas Day treats the doctrine of the Incarnation in theological language from John’s Gospel and from Hebrews. For another example, both Passion Sunday and Good Friday discuss the doctrine of the Atonement directly. The treatment of so many essentials of the Christian faith has led to the development of commentary traditions which associate different periods of the year with catechetical schemes such as “the Apostles’ Creed,” “the Ten Commandments,” and “the Seven Deadly Sins.”

But if the lectionary is “doctrine,” it is a curriculum for Christian life as much as it is a static representation of the truth perceived by faith. The commentary tradition especially emphasizes this in the second half of the year. A common complaint about the Revised Common Lectionary is that, in Ordinary Time, it dallies through long Old Testament narratives, context-less theological Epistles, and

repetitive Gospel miracles without ever arriving at “the point.” This is not so in the ancient lectionary. The second half of the year uses some of the most celebrated and familiar passages of Paul’s Epistles, especially passages with a moral focus, alongside evocative and challenging Gospel scenes and parables—and each pair rewards the reader with a practical encouragement to live virtuously by the grace of God. Among the available sources of spiritual refreshment, the one-year lectionary is the bread-and-butter option: nourishing, reliable, revisitable.

The lectionary reflects the ancient and intuitive wisdom that human beings learn through repetition. People not familiar with the one-year lectionary often assume that it must be tiresome to repeat readings every year, but this is not the experience of most people whose parishes use this lectionary. Instead, their experience is one of deepening familiarity. It is not uncommon in traditional-lectionary environments to hear laypeople say things like, “I’ve heard it every year for the past ten years, but I think I’m finally getting a handle on the parable of the wedding banquet,” or “I’ve always found today’s Gospel about the raising of the widow’s son comforting since my own son passed.” This deepening familiarity with essential scriptural texts is simply not available when repetition is spaced out every three years, or in the context of a higher volume of scripture per Sunday, as in the Revised Common Lectionary.

The traditional lectionary is the voice in which the church articulates her life in Christ. The lectionary is not just a form in which doctrine is presented to the church, but a document of the church. The lectionary is one the church’s ancient constitutional documents alongside the scriptures as a canon, the

ancient liturgies, the creeds, and the apostolic-episcopal form of polity.

We can therefore ask of the lectionary, “What does the church say about herself?” The lectionary’s answer could be stated this way: “The church is Christ’s body, the site of his continuing incarnate life, a participant in his divine sonship to the Father, and the bearer of his Spirit.” The lectionary has a built-in theological disposition, a tendency to emphasize the indwelling of God in the church and the church’s participation in God through Christ. This focus emerges, despite the relatively small portion of the Bible which it uses, because the lectionary returns repeatedly to a group of themes which all resonate with the central idea of participation in God: that we are given new birth by God’s Spirit, that the love of Christians for one another is the love of God made manifest, that both our repentance from sin and our rising to new life take place as members in Christ, that the joy of the kingdom is realized among us as we await his return, and that Christ is our daily spiritual food.

Although a doctrinal approach to the lectionary illuminates some of its aspects, it is also true that, were it simply presenting a systematic theology, it would be very different indeed. For example, it might include readings from the early chapters of Romans, which the received lectionary does not even though modern commentators usually consider them essential; or it might omit much of the lengthy and winding discourse on the Holy Spirit in John 14–16 in Eastertide. This latter example is illustrative: although John 14–16 is difficult for interpreters and preachers, and although takes up “space” which might otherwise be used for more obvious Eastertide choices such as Jesus’ resurrection appearances, it is included in the traditional lectionary because discussion

of the Holy Spirit concerns the church’s experience of living in present communion with the risen Christ.

Although we have said that the one-year lectionary is practical, it is also challenging. Its challenge and invitation is to peel back, cycle by cycle, the layers of meaning in the Gospel proclamation that Christ is alive and present among his people. Even though any congregation can profit from adopting the one-year lectionary, its real value will not be realized in one, or two, or even five or ten cycles. Its sweetest fruits are given to people and parishes who commit to using it for a very long time.

The goal is that, over the course of years, these carefully-chosen group of passages will become so familiar that, transcending their role as objects of interpretation and understanding, they will become a form of thought and language through which a community understands itself and its world. The point is not for a congregation to understand what the Bible has to say about participation in Christ, but to receive the biblical text as the articulate testimony of what the body of Christ experiences in living communion with her Head.

COMPARISON TO THE REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY

Jesus criticizes those who “search the scriptures because [they] think that in them [they] have eternal life” while forgetting that the scriptures have shape and meaning as a testimony to God the Word (John 5:39). All of scripture is useful for growth in holiness, but that does not mean that knowledge of scripture is equivalent to or unfailingly promotes spiritual flourishing. The Revised Common Lectionary may be built for learning about scripture; but the ancient lectionary is built for learning about Jesus—and entering communion with him.

The Revised Common Lectionary is built on the assumption that scripture literacy alone is enough to promote spiritual revival, without theological structure being given to that literacy. In the middle of the last century, amid general efforts for spiritual and liturgical renewal, the Roman Catholic Church addressed the truly lamentable poverty of biblical literacy among Catholics by discarding the traditional lectionary and substituting a new three-year cycle. Mainline Protestants, who shared struggles with biblical literacy, also signed on, hoping that the new lectionary would give them opportunities to tell the whole story of the Bible. Everyone reasoned that, if laypeople knew the Bible better, they would see how they are participants in an ongoing story that reaches back to creation and forward to the consummation of all things in God. They would learn to receive the Christian faith as a narrative for life into which they could fit themselves, rather than just a set of opinions and ritual practices according to their various church traditions.

This is an inspiring thought, and doubtless there are some attentive people for whom the Revised Common Lectionary has been fruitful. But overall the project was unsuccessful. Instead of a period of renewal, the introduction of the new lectionary correlates, alongside many other factors, with a period of precipitous decline in faith engagement. Either the Revised Common Lectionary was unable to significantly improve biblical literacy, or it was incorrect that biblical literacy by itself would produce renewal. In fact, both explanations of the RCL's failure are true.

The RCL was not able to significantly impact biblical literacy of the Bible for at least two

reasons. A three-year cycle of three long readings and a psalm every Sunday is far too much text and far too little repetition for deep learning. But even were congregations able to process all the material put before them, the RCL would still be unable to meet its purported goal of proclaiming the entire Bible. Despite having the reputation of going through “the whole Bible” in three years, in fact it only covers about 20% of the scriptures. Walter Deller breaks down the coverage of each biblical book in “Lectionary, Church, and Context—the Disaster of the *Revised Common Lectionary*.”¹ Only 8.4% of the Old Testament is read, and only 50% of the New. No book is better-represented than Ephesians, of which nearly 75% is read, while several books (Obadiah, Nahum, Zechariah, Song of Songs, 2 John, 3 John, Jude) are excluded entirely. Many others only receive a handful of verses over the entire three-year cycle (six verses of Jonah, eight from Habbakuk, eleven from Esther, just over 10% of Revelation, etc). Introducing the entire Bible is a task far too large to be accomplished on Sunday mornings alone.

But even if biblical literacy could have been achieved this way, the assumption that it would have brought about renewal is not necessarily true. As mainline denominations collapse, it has become apparent that the problem is not only that people have left, but that those who remain are woefully uninformed about basic tenets and practices of their faith. Although contemporary ecumenical criticisms about sectarianism may be well-placed, previous generations at least knew enough about their faith to disagree over it!

The decline in theological and spiritual literacy would be no surprise for a user of the

¹Walter Deller, “Lectionary, Church, and Context—the Disaster of the *Revised Common Lectionary*,” (Liturgy Canada XXI, Issue 1, Michaelmas 2005)

one-year lectionary. The traditional readings provide opportunities for addressing key doctrinal, moral, and spiritual themes. Annual repetition means that congregations can advance these conversations from cycle to cycle. Treating important issues of faith and the spirituality with subtlety is a privilege of those who have steadily built a deep familiarity with the relevant biblical texts. By contrast, the RCL is the lectionary for a church that wants to be a mile wide, even if the cost is being only an inch deep.

II. *The Old Testament Supplement*

RATIONALE

Nothing we have said above about the virtues of the one-year lectionary or the failures of the Revised Common Lectionary necessitates supplementing it with Old Testament readings, as we have done in this volume. The traditional lectionary fed the people of God for more than a millennium without an Old Testament reading, and its logic is already living and active in the Collects, Epistles, and Gospels without any further exposition by additional readings. The rationale for the Old Testament supplement is pastoral, not theological.

However, there is also nothing theologically objectionable about supplementing the one-year lectionary with Old Testament readings. For the first several centuries of the church's life Old Testament readings were part Eucharistic worship alongside many of the same Epistles and Gospels we still use. Several provisions in the Prayer Book suggest that the Prayer Book's editors, from Thomas Cranmer to the twentieth century, expected that the Old Testament would be heard in conjunction with the service of Holy Communion. The 1662 Prayer Book included a Table of "Proper

Lessons to be read at Morning and Evening Prayer on the Sundays throughout the Year." This table only listed Old Testament Lessons, suggesting that these readings were meant to add an Old Testament voice to the existing Epistles and Gospels "proper" to each occasion, and heard at the Morning Prayer service immediately before Communion. In the Canadian Prayer Book of 1962, a rubric for Morning Prayer explains that everything after the first reading and its canticle may be omitted when the service is followed by Holy Communion, effectively joining the two services into a single service with three readings.

Given that we *may* read the Old Testament alongside the traditional eucharistic lectionary, there are at least two pastoral reasons to think that we *should* do so.

The primary rationale for developing the Old Testament series has been to facilitate parishes transitioning from the Revised Common Lectionary to the one-year lectionary. Most contemporary parishioners have only or mostly known a liturgical environment dominated by the Revised Common Lectionary. For them, one of the most significant factors that makes the traditional lectionary a hard pill to swallow is that it does not include an Old Testament reading. The faithful expect to hear the Old Testament read and preached—and rightly so! Every Christian tradition has made space for the Old Testament, even if it has not been at the Eucharist. Unfortunately, the healthy desire to engage with the Old Testament has become one of the principal reasons that congregations do not use the traditional lectionary.

If you were to ask the average lay reader why he prefers the Revised Common Lectionary to the Prayer Book lectionary, besides "Everybody uses it," you would probably be

told that the RCL is superior because it includes Old Testament Lessons. Even among clergy, only diocesan pressure to use the RCL is a greater incentive against the Prayer Book lectionary. The most profound impact of several decades of RCL use has not been the intended (and unsuccessful) increase in biblical literacy, but that it has fostered a popular devotion to the Old Testament as holy scripture suitable for proclamation. Given its other deficiencies, it is unfortunate that a healthy devotion to the Old Testament has bound congregations to the Revised Common Lectionary. Our goal in supplementing the one-year lectionary has been to demonstrate that it remains a viable alternative for modern parishes, and that it can be accommodated to the desire to hear the Old Testament on Sundays.

Second, the Old Testament supplement was proposed to bring the existing *ad hoc* practice of some parishes into a common pattern. Especially in BCP-friendly congregations, it is a poor witness to the Anglican tradition of common prayer that parishes which already use an Old Testament supplement draw eclectically from many sources, not observing a common discipline. We hope that endorsement of a single supplement by the Prayer Book Society of Canada will unify the practice of supplementing the one-year lectionary, at least within this country.

PROCESS

The Old Testament Lectionary Supplement Project began in Autumn 2021, when our editor proposed it to National Council of the Prayer Book Society of Canada, giving the rationale outlined above. A committee of scholars and clergy—some with biblical studies or liturgical studies expertise, some with a

practical preaching focus; some with extensive background in the one-year lectionary, some with little—was assembled shortly thereafter. This group remained largely consistent, with some additions along the way, throughout our three-year process.

SURVEY OF SIMILAR PROJECTS

After a general discussion of the history, theology, commentary tradition, and contemporary use of the one-year lectionary, we surveyed existing resources which supplement the traditional lectionary with Old Testament readings. At the outset, it was a possibility to study and endorse one of these sources rather than creating our own, but a discussion of these sources will reveal why we did not choose this approach.

The 1896 meeting of the Prussian Union of churches at Eisenach authorized a series of Old Testament Lessons to complement the Lutheran version of the traditional lectionary, which substantially agrees with the Anglican lectionary. R.C.H. Lenski, a commentator on this series, sites an unnamed German author familiar with the committee discussions at Eisenach, saying that “the entire church year is molded and shaped by the gospel texts,” and that “these Old Testament texts are simply Old Testament counterparts to the corresponding gospel texts.”² The single-minded emphasis on complementing the Gospel reading is the primary reason why we chose not to adopt the Lutheran Old Testament series wholesale, instead referring to it for suggestions as necessary. Although the Gospel reading certainly has pride of place liturgically, our study of the received lectionary found that it is not always the definitive voice in the chord of the

²*The Eisenach Old Testament Selections: An Exegetical-Homiletical Treatment* (Columbus: Lutheran Book Concern, 1925), 11–12

readings, but is in fact just as likely to support the Epistle as the Epistle is to support the Gospel—or, even more often, the meaning of a set of readings comes from the intertextuality of Gospel, Epistle, and Collect together. Moreover, the Eisenach lectionary over-uses typological correspondences which repeat images from, but do not illuminate the rationale for, the existing readings. (For more on this criticism, see below.)

The 1662 the Book of Common Prayer included a table of first Lessons for use at Matins or Evensong for all the Sundays and Holy-days throughout the year. However, this series relied on a system of continuous reading which was not intended for thematic coherence with the eucharistic readings. It seems instead to have been designed to promote summary-level knowledge of the Old Testament through Sunday reading, primarily for those not following the daily office lectionary through the week. In 1918 (ratified in 1922), the Church of England authorized a new daily office lectionary which, rather than following the civil calendar, followed the church year. Although the readings for Sundays changed significantly, they continued to represent the daily office in summary form rather than being tightly linked to the eucharistic readings. This lectionary was adapted into the 1962 daily office lectionary in the Canadian Prayer Book.

However, the choices for Holy-days were more coherent with the eucharistic readings, probably because there was no concern for continuous reading at play. In the lead-up to the publication of a new Book of Common Prayer for the Church of India, Pakistan, Burma, and Ceylon in 1960, a new series of eucharistic Old Testament Lessons was published. For the Sundays of the year, these Old Testament selections were entirely novel, but

the Holy-days were drawn from the 1918/1922 daily office lectionary of the Church of England. This supplement to the traditional lectionary was adopted by the mother church in 1965 and published around the world, including in Canada. This series was recently republished online by the Church of England (2017). This resource has the same weakness as the Eisenach lectionary: it over-emphasizes the Gospels as the dominant reading in every case, and over-relies on simple typologies and verbal correspondences which are not theologically illuminating.

In Canada around the turn of the millennium, the Diocese of Saskatchewan began publishing a list of Old Testament Lessons drawn approximately equally from the Lutheran and Anglican resources. This list is still published annually by that diocese. Although we have not adopted this resource wholesale, the Saskatchewan lectionary was our most regular point of contact with previous projects. We often drew suggestions from it and would frequently fine-tune our approach by comparison and contrast to the Saskatchewan series. We have followed the Saskatchewan lectionary, and the Indian lectionary before it, in relying mainly on the 1918/1922 daily office lectionary for Holy Days.

Finally, and well out-of-time with the other resources, we have made occasional reference to the ancient Ambrosian lectionary. The Church of Milan was the only see in the Western Church never to lose its Old Testament Lessons, which all other churches did by the seventh century. Its lectionary may represent a form of the Roman lectionary older than the one in use in England at the Reformation. Although this might seem like a precedent strong enough for simply adopting it and its Old Testament Lessons, its Epistles and Gospels

vary from the Anglican readings most of the time, meaning that its Lessons would not make sense as a supplement to our Prayer Book. We had to use it, like the other resources, simply for reference and inspiration.

PRINCIPLES OF SELECTION

With these resources in front of us, we discussed the principles according to which we would make selections. We revisited and refined these principles regularly once we began discussing particular readings. Rather than applying a single method to the existing lectionary (such as “start with the Gospel and find a typology for it”), we aimed to select readings which would respect the intertextuality of the Collect, Epistle, and Gospel. We were attentive to the possibility that these three elements might interact differently on different occasions or in different seasons.

Underlying this attention to the dynamism of the lectionary was a conviction that sets of readings in the traditional lectionary articulate “themes.” These themes may not be so specific that they can be summarized in a single phrase for every occasion, but are also clear enough that they can give shape to the Christian year. The existing Epistle-Gospel lectionary already has a “shape” or “structure” into which the Old Testament Lessons should “fit.” We therefore exegeted the relationship between a Collect, Epistle, and Gospel, trying to discern this shape before considering any Old Testament Lessons to supplement them.

Even after this exegesis, choosing readings remained more an art than a science. As we discussed our principles of selection, we found it easier to begin by articulating approaches which would *not* be appropriate to selecting new readings. We identified several errors which we tried to avoid:

Erasure of the Old Testament. Use of the Old Testament is essential to Christian theology, but it is also hermeneutically fraught. Approaches to the Old Testament that exclusively foreground how it *anticipates* rather than *articulates* the revelation of God in Christ—too often interpreted as the revelation of God in the New Testament as opposed to the Old—often miss the richness of Old Testament texts in their canonical and literary contexts. As Christian scripture in its own right, we can read the Old Testament as a testimony to the truth in Christ without needing to refer it to a New Testament parallel at every point. Jesus Christ was already the “pearl hidden in the field” of the Old Testament before the New Testament was written, even if it is only after the resurrection that Jesus opens the scriptures to his disciples so that they can see that the Law and the Prophets testify to him (Luke 24:27).

We discussed the danger that a new lectionary supplement could “erase” the Old Testament by using it mostly or exclusively to “proof text” the New Testament, whether prophetically or typologically. In most contemporary lectionaries, typological selections tend to be narrowly inter-textual, intended merely to illuminate a similarity between two biblical passages without suggesting the significance of this association for the Christian reader. For example, it would be tempting to appoint the ascension of Elijah for Ascension Day, as many lectionaries do. There is a correspondence in image and action between this story and the Ascension of Jesus, but that correspondence only illuminates itself. It teaches us nothing about the Gospel, but only that the Gospel has Old Testament parallels. It makes the Old Testament very ignorable. We therefore shied away from many of the obvious typological precedents for gospel stories.

We also discussed the case of prophetic or typological texts with an eschatological element, which can be “erased” by locating their fulfillment narrowly in a particular event in historical the life of Jesus or the church (for example, the prophecy of Zechariah on Palm Sunday). When we have used eschatological passages, we have chosen ones oriented towards the vision of the end of days common to both Old and New Testaments: the (second) coming of the Son of Man for judgement.

Limitation by Synthesis. A danger of intertextual reading is that, when one approaches two texts with the assumption that they contribute to a single meaning, one interprets each text only or principally according to the things that the two have in common. We are tempted only to read the middle of their Venn diagram. Themes in each text not shared by the other are ignored, and so the meaning of each is limited by its synthesis with the other. This is something that goes on already in the received lectionary, and contributes to its thematic acuity. However, we did not want to advance this trajectory of limitation through our addition of a third reading. It would be easy, by selecting passages which resonated with only one theme in an Epistle-Gospel set, to define the meaning of each occasion so narrowly that the scriptures chosen would lose the opportunity to speak freely. We instead preferred metaphors like “gentle amplification” (see below) to select readings which would enhance rather than limit the existing propers. We tolerated a degree of non-alignment with the Epistles and Gospels, and celebrated materials which complexified what was already present.

Overshadowing. Although we did not want to tokenize the Old Testament by limiting its use to explicit New Testament parallels, we also tried to avoid drawing attention away

from the traditional selections by introducing too many new themes, puzzles, or features of interest. We want to avoid “overshadowing” or “outweighing” the existing readings, or “over-working” the interpreter to discover a theme we have chosen to focus on which is not a central concern of the Epistle or Gospel. This is a failure to be “gentle” as we amplify the received lectionary.

As we talked our way around these potential pitfalls, several metaphors emerged for describing what, positively, it could mean for an Old Testament Lesson to “fit” with the Epistle and Gospel:

Companionship. Our prevailing metaphor was to seek “good companions” for the received Collects, Epistles, and Gospels. We sought Old Testament readings which have much in common with the Epistles and Gospels readings, but whose thematic material could not be reduced to a mere repetition of them in different language. Just as genuine friendship between people involves having something in common without being identical, such that there is a middle space of difference which creates the possibility of conversation, we looked for Old Testament readings which would open up a collaborative, amicable conversation with the Epistles and Gospels.

Gentle amplification was our metaphor for how Old Testament Lessons should contribute something to the existing lectionary—after all, if they didn’t contribute anything, why would we have undertaken the project?—while also being “gentle,” not introducing so much new material that it significantly distorts the meaning of the existing lectionary. “Amplification” doesn’t just mean “addition,” but is an analogy to amplified sound. What the supplemental Lessons should bring to the lectionary is volume: they add another voice into

the mix so that the supplemented lectionary gives a more resonant and fulsome witness to the same themes which were already present in the unsupplemented Epistle-Gospel pairs.

Doxological selections. It would be a mistake to treat the Old Testament selections as if our only concern was for “theme.” The proclamation of scripture, like the celebration of the sacraments, is a memorial enactment of God’s merciful deeds. To proclaim scripture is to declare that it is worth calling to mind what God has done, that these acts of salvation are the basis for ongoing thanksgiving, and that we desire to have those mysteries re-enacted among us. It is an act of worship.

This is, in theory, true of all scripture. However, certain passages possess an especially “doxological” character: they are primarily concerned with praising God in an elevated register which stirs up our desire for the coming of the kingdom. Doxological contributions to the lectionary do not need to have much narrative or theological complexity, although they will often be rich in material on the attributes and acts of God. They draw the hearer not into a detached understanding of the meaning of God’s deeds, but into a rapturous act of praise for God’s acts of salvation which we understand intuitively and subjectively. We found that it was especially appropriate to select doxological readings for Holy Days.

Appeal to precedent. We took a moderate approach to the precedent set by similar projects. We have sometimes appealed to precedent when making an argument for an Old Testament selection, but an argument from precedent was never decisive. We have also preferred precedents from some sources to others, giving pride of place to ancient lectionaries. For example, on the few occasions of the

year when the Sarum Missal appoints an Old Testament Lesson, we have used these readings if the Sarum Epistles and Gospels also correspond to the Canadian Lectionary. We have also used some selections from the Ambrosian Rite, and have appealed to the precedent of patristic lectionaries for big-picture decisions like appointing the Acts of the Apostles for Eastertide rather than an Old Testament Lesson. On some occasions, the Canadian BCP itself, whether through its daily office lectionary or other material (for example the Penitential Service for Ash Wednesday with its use of Joel) make our choice clear. We have treated the other resources discussed above as helpful resources, but not authorities.

REVIEW

The working group met regularly to discuss suggested readings throughout 2022 and 2023. In January 2024 we submitted our draft selections to scholars and priests across the continent, some within the Prayer Book Society and some outside, and received feedback shortly before Easter. We reconvened to incorporate the feedback.

III. Use of this Edition

SWITCHING YOUR CONGREGATION TO THE ONE-YEAR LECTIONARY

Because of the recent history of “liturgy wars” in North American Anglicanism, one might imagine that it would be a cause of tension to transition a contemporary congregation using the Revised Common Lectionary onto the one-year lectionary. However, the experience of priests who have guided their congregations through this change has usually been that it is not nearly as challenging as anticipated.

In the Anglican Church of Canada, the 1962 Book of Common Prayer remains an authorized liturgy of the church and can be used without special authorization by the diocesan bishop. This applies to the lectionary contained within it as well. In the absence of a directive to the contrary from one's bishop—a directive whose legality would in any case be dubious, since it would effectively de-authorize a liturgy authorized by General Synod—a priest may use the 1962 lectionary without special episcopal approval. The supplement of Old Testament Lessons has not yet received approval from the Faith, Worship, and Ministry Committee of General Synod. If a priest feels the need to seek episcopal permission to use the supplement, even bishops who do not have a Prayer Book background may appreciate hearing how the supplement brings the traditional lectionary into greater conformity to contemporary patterns of worship found in the Book of Alternative Services.

Pastorally, the main concerns of a priest transitioning his congregation to the one-year lectionary should be to facilitate the change for lectors and for lectionary study groups, and anyone else who regularly interacts with the lectionary. Lectors should be shown the printed volume before the first Sunday on which they are asked to read from it. It should be pointed out to them that the pattern of the readings is the same as they are used to from the RCL: Lesson, Psalm, Epistle, Gospel. (The Introit Psalm should probably not be assigned to a lector, but read/sung in procession between a leader/cantor and people, or sung by the choir.) Lectors who are accustomed to looking up the readings in advance may be assisted by receiving a gift copy of the lectern lectionary, or photocopied printouts of the

readings for the days on which they are reading, or online resources supporting the one-year lectionary such as Old Testament Supplement's page on prayerbook.ca. Likewise, lectionary study groups who are used to relying on online sources for their study should be directed to resources supporting the one-year lectionary, such as LectionaryCentral.com. It may be helpful to replace church calendars in foyers and sacristies with calendars supporting the one-year lectionary, such as the calendar published by St Peter's Publications (Charlottetown, PE). As for the rest of your congregation, experience says that people in the pews will hardly notice if you switch to the one-year lectionary, especially in your first year of doing so before readings begin repeating.

When explaining why you are initiating this change, especially in parishes which do not identify as "traditional," it may be helpful to avoid divisive words like "traditional," "ancient," "normative," or "historical." Instead, emphasize the benefits of the one-year lectionary which have been discussed above. You might also encourage curious laypeople to look up the one-year lectionary for themselves. It is not hard to find sources online, from a variety of Anglican and non-Anglican perspectives, criticizing the Revised Common Lectionary and praising the traditional lectionary.

If you are a layperson interested in the one-year lectionary, we encourage you to speak to your priest about it. Be respectful, gentle, and avoid as much as possible the perception that you are recommending the one-year lectionary because of partisanship toward traditional liturgies if your priest is not on the same page. There are many good reasons that a person of any churchmanship should find value in the one-year lectionary.

DUPLICATION OF DAILY OFFICE READINGS

On some occasions, especially on Holy Days, the supplemental readings were drawn from the daily office lectionary for the same occasions in the 1962 Book of Common Prayer. If your community wishes to observe a Morning or Evening Prayer Service back-to-back with a Eucharist using this lectionary, a few approaches might be taken. The duplicated reading could be omitted at either Morning/Evening Prayer or at the Eucharist (for a total of four readings between the two services), or a daily office reading from another service could be substituted for the duplicated reading (e.g. using the Evening Prayer Old Testament Lesson at Morning Prayer when the Morning Prayer Lesson is duplicated by this lectionary), or any other solution amenable to the officiating clergy.

MISSAL PAGES & USE AS A GOSPEL BOOK

In the centre of this edition, several blank pages are provided in which to paste (tape) a printed version of your community's rite for the Holy Eucharist. The result will be a "missal," a single book containing all the necessary texts for celebrating Holy Communion. Inserting tabs or ribbons would enhance this volume's usefulness as a missal. Make this book your own, according to your community's needs.

This edition may also be used in procession as a Gospel book. Its cover is intentionally plain for this reason. However, for processional use we encourage covering the barcode which we have been required to place on the back cover with a matching red colour, or purchasing a Gospel-book cover into which the lectionary will fit.

READING/SINGING THE PSALMS

This volume has been laid out such that the second half of each verse of the Introit and Gradual Psalms has been italicized to facilitate congregational use, annotating the divisions between and within verses without intrusive numbers or other marks. Given this layout, the most natural way to foster congregational participation in the reading of these psalms is to provide the congregation with matching texts and to have them read the italicized second half of each verse. At the time of this edition's publication, a Microsoft Word document with the Introit and Gradual for each occasion in the lectionary, pre-formatted, is available on the website of the Prayer Book Society of Canada (prayerbook.ca).

However, any number of other approaches to congregational participation or choral leadership in the reading or singing of the Psalms are also possible. In terms of musical resources, of particular interest are the *Canadian Psalter* (Anglican Church of Canada, 1963) and the *Canadian Psalter, Plainsong Edition* (Anglican Church of Canada, 1963).

INTROIT ANTIPHONS

The Introit Psalm is traditionally sung with a *Gloria Patri* and the repetition of an antiphon, usually drawn from the same Psalm. This is how we have presented the Introits in this edition. However, which verses should be used as antiphons is not specified by the 1962 Prayer Book. We have always chosen antiphons from the Introit Psalm itself, using the same verses as the Introit Chants of medieval worship did whenever possible. Where this was not possible we have selected verses which resonate with themes present in the other readings.

POSITION OF THE GRADUAL PSALMS

In the Book of Common Prayer, the Gradual is appointed for use between the Epistle and Gospel readings. However, in adapting the Canadian lectionary to a three-reading structure, we have chosen to present the Gradual Psalm between the Old Testament Lesson and the Epistle. This presentation should facilitate a smooth transition to using the supplemented one-year lectionary for congregations already familiar with the pattern of the Revised Common Lectionary (OT, Psalm, Epistle, Gospel). Many congregations add musical “padding” between the Epistle and Gospel readings by singing a hymn or an Alleluia.

However, the Gradual Psalm sometimes has resonances with the Gospel reading specifically, as should be expected given that it immediately precedes the Gospel in its original context. Congregations may choose to read the Gradual between the Epistle and Gospel, as the Prayer Book directs, even though this

edition is not laid out in that way.

ACTS IN EASTERTIDE

In Eastertide, we have selected Lessons from the Acts of the Apostles instead of from the Old Testament. In this, we have followed the universal consensus of the early church, including the Ambrosian and East Syriac Rites which continue to use the Old Testament at the Eucharist, the testimony of St Augustine about the ancient African Rite, and the Hispanic and Byzantine Rites in which Acts replaces the Epistle in Eastertide. In brief, the theological rationale for this replacement is that the Acts of the Apostles tells the continuing story of God’s people after their wilderness wanderings with the Israelites in Lent. The church shows in action and in history how the life of the risen Christ continues in his body, the church. The Acts are, in fact, the centre-piece of the church’s Eastertide meditation on the meaning of the resurrection, to which the BCP Daily Office Lectionary gives evidence.


Times & Seasons
*The Sundays of the Christian Year,
and Associated Occasions*

Advent 1

The First Sunday of Advent


The Sunday from November 27–December 3 / St Andrew (November 30) may occur during this week. If it falls on the Sunday, it does not take precedence over these readings.

INTROIT PSALM: 25:1–7

 NTO thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in thee. O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me. For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed; but such as transgress without a cause shall be put to confusion. Show me thy ways, O LORD, and teach me thy paths. Lead me forth in thy truth and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; in thee is my hope all the day long. Call to remembrance, O LORD, thy tender mercies, and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old. O remember not the sins and offences of my youth; but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O LORD, for thy goodness.


Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Unto thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in thee.

COLLECT


 LMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. Amen.

LESSON: *Isaiah 62:10–12*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.


 O through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people. Behold, the Lord hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the Lord: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken.

GRADUAL PSALM: 85:4–7

 URN us, O God our Saviour, and let thine anger cease from us. Wilt thou be displeased at us for ever? and wilt thou stretch out thy wrath from one generation to another? Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us, that thy people may rejoice in thee? O LORD, show thy mercy upon us, and grant us thy salvation.

EPISTLE: *Romans 13:8–14*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Romans.

 WE no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth his neighbour hath fulfilled the law. For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if

there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand; let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

GOSPEL: *Matthew 21:1-13*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint Matthew.*



WHEN they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me. And if any man

say aught unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them. All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Prophet, saying,

Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, Meek, and sitting upon an ass, And a colt the foal of an ass.

And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them; and brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way. And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David; Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest. And when he was come into Jerusalem all the city was moved, saying, Who is this? And the multitude said, This is Jesus the Prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.

And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple; and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves; and said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.

Advent 2

*The Second Sunday of Advent**The Sunday from December 4–10*

INTROIT PSALM: 80:1–7

HEAR, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; *show thyself also, thou that sittest upon the cherubim.* Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *stir up thy strength, and come and help us.* Turn us again, O God; *show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.* O LORD God of hosts, *how long wilt thou be angry with thy people that prayeth?* Thou hast fed them with the bread of tears, *and hast given them plenteousness of tears to drink.* Thou makest us a very strife unto our neighbours, *and our enemies laugh us to scorn.* Turn us again, O God of hosts; *show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; *show thyself also, thou that sittest upon the cherubim.*

COLLECTS

BLESSED Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

For Advent

ALmighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. Amen.

LESSON: *Isaiah 55:6–11**A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.*

HEEK ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

GRADUAL PSALM: 50:1-6



HE LORD, even the Most Mighty God, hath spoken, *and called the world, from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.* Out of Sion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined forth. Our God cometh, and keepeth not silence; *there goeth before him a consuming fire, and a mighty tempest is stirred up round about him.* He calleth to the heavens from above, *and to the earth, that he may judge his people: 'Gather my saints together unto me: those that have made a covenant with me with sacrifice.'* And the heavens declare his righteousness; *for God is judge himself.*

EPISTLE: Romans 15:4-13

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Romans.



HATSOEVER things were written aforetime were written for our learning; that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be like-minded one towards another, according to Christ Jesus: that ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us, to the glory of God. Now I say, that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers; and that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will give praise to thee among the Gentiles, And sing unto thy

Name. And again he saith, Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people. And again, Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles, And laud him, all ye people. And again, Isaiah saith, There shall be a root of Jesse, And he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, In him shall the Gentiles hope.

Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-33

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Luke.



ESUS said unto his disciples, There shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh. And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig-tree, and all the trees; when they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand. So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled: heaven and earth shall pass away; but my words shall not pass away.

Advent 3

The Third Sunday of Advent

The Sunday from December 11–17 / St Thomas (December 21) may occur between this Sunday and the next. Ember Days occur on the Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday after Advent 3.

INTROIT PSALM: 33:1–6



REJOICE in the LORD, O ye righteous; *for it becometh well the just to be thankful.* Praise the LORD with harp: *sing praises unto him with the lute, and instrument of ten strings.* Sing unto the LORD a new song: *sing praises lustily with a good courage.* For the word of the LORD is true, *and all his works are faithful.* He loveth righteousness and judgement: *the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.* By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, *and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* Rejoice in the LORD, O ye righteous; *for it becometh well the just to be thankful.*

COLLECTS



LORD Jesu Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee: Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

For Advent



ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of

light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. Amen.

LESSON: *Isaiah 35*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.



THE wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God.

Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes. And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called

The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfar- ing men, though fools, shall not err therein. No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there: and the ran- somed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

GRADUAL PSALM: 80:1-3



ORD, thou art become gracious unto thy land: *thou hast restored the fortunes of Jacob.* Thou hast forgiven the of- fence of thy people, *and covered all their sin.* Thou hast taken away all thy displeasure, *and turned thyself from thy wrathful indignation.*

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians.



ET a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judge- ment: yea, I judge not mine own self. I know nothing against myself, yet am I not hereby justified; but he that judgeth me is the Lord.

Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make man- ifest the counsels of the hearts; and then shall every man have praise of God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2-10

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Matthew.



OW when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples, and said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another? Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and show John again those things which ye do hear and see: the blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the Gospel preached to them. And blessed is he whosoever shall not be offended in me. And as they departed, Je- sus began to say unto the multitudes concern- ing John, What went ye out into the wilderness to see? a reed shaken with the wind? But what went ye out for to see? a man clothed in soft raiment? behold, they that wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. But what went ye out for to see? a prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet. For this is he of whom it is writ- ten, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, Which shall prepare thy way before thee.

Advent 4

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Sunday from December 18–24 / St Thomas (December 21) may occur during this week. If it falls on the Sunday, it does not take precedence over these readings.

INTROIT PSALM: 10:1–6

THE heavens declare the glory of God; *and the firmament showeth his handy-work. One day telleth another; and one night certifieth another.* There is neither speech nor language; *their voice cannot be heard; Yet their sound is gone out into all lands; and their words into the ends of the world.* In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun; *which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.* It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and runneth about unto the end of it again; *and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* He set a tabernacle for the sun; *which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.*

COLLECTS

RAISE up, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, world without end. Amen.

For Advent

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. Amen.

LESSON: *Isaiah 40:1–9*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

COMFORT ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins.


The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field: the grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the

spirit of the Lord bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.


O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!

GRADUAL PSALM: 145:18–22

 HE LORD is righteous in all his ways, and gracious in all his works. The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, yea, all such as call upon him faithfully. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: and he will hear their cry, and will help them. The LORD preserveth all them that love him; but scattereth abroad all the ungodly. My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD: and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and ever.

EPISTLE: *Philippians 4:4–7*


A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Philippians.

EJOICE in the Lord always, and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. In nothing be anxious: but in every thing, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto

God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL: *John 1:19–29*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint John.

 HIS is the witness of John, when the Jews sent Priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? And he confessed, and denied not; and he confessed, I am not the Christ. And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elijah? And he said, I am not. Art thou the Prophet? And he answered, No. Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Isaiah. And they which were sent were of the Pharisees. And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet? John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not: he it is who cometh after me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose. These things were done in Bethany beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing. The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

Christmas (I)

The Nativity of Christ; December 25

If there is only one service for Christmas these readings should be used, but if there is more than one these readings need not be used at the first service.

INTROIT PSALM: 2:7–8



WILL tell of the decree of the LORD, wherein he hath said unto me, *'Thou art my son, this day have I begotten thee.*

Desire of me, and I shall give thee the nations for thine inheritance, *and the utmost parts of the earth for thy possession.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* I will tell of the decree of the LORD, wherein he hath said unto me, *'Thou art my son, this day have I begotten thee.*

ALTERNATE INTROIT PSALM: *Christmas Anthems*



EHOLD a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, *and shall call his name Immanuel.* Unto us a child is born, *unto us a son is given.* In this was manifested the love of God toward us, *because that God sent his only-begotten Son into the world that we might live through him.* Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, *who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Or the Introit Psalm for the second service on Christmas Day, page 36.

COLLECTS



LMIGHTY God, who hast given us thy only begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin: Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Additional



GOD, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come again to be our Judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. Amen.

LESSON: *Proverbs 8:22–31*


A reading from the Book of Proverbs.



HE Lord possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth: while as yet he had not made the earth, nor the

fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world. When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth: when he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep: when he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth: then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him; rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights were with the sons of men.

GRADUAL PSALM: 110:1-4

 HE LORD said unto my lord, *'Sit thou on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.'* The LORD shall send the rod of thy power out of Sion: *be thou ruler, even in the midst among thine enemies.* Thy people offer themselves willingly in the day of thy power; *in the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, thou hast the dew of thy youth.* The LORD sware and will not repent, *'Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.'*

EPISTLE: *Hebrews 1:1-12*

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.



OD, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, This day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, And he shall be to me a Son? And again, when he bringeth the first-born into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him. And of the angels he saith Who maketh his angels spirits, And his ministers a flame of fire. But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever; A sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom: Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; Therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee With the oil of gladness above thy fellows. And again he saith, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; And the heavens are the works of thine hands: They shall perish, but thou remainest; And they all shall wax old as doth a garment; And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, And they shall be changed; But thou art the same, And thy years shall not fail.

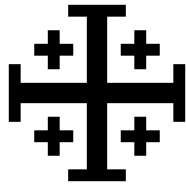
GOSPEL: *John 1:1–14*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint John.*



IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness overcame it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all men through him

might believe. He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light. That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his Name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father) full of grace and truth.



Christmas (II)

The Nativity of Christ; December 25

At a second service for Christmas.

INTROIT PSALM: 98:1-4



SING unto the LORD a new song; *sing unto the LORD, all the whole earth.* Sing unto the LORD, and praise his Name; *be telling of his salvation from day to day.* Declare his honour among the nations, *and his wonders among all peoples.* For the LORD is great, and cannot worthily be praised; *he is more to be feared than all gods.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* O sing unto the LORD a new song; *sing unto the LORD, all the whole earth.*

ALTERNATE INTROIT PSALM: *Christmas Anthems*



BEHOLD a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, *and shall call his name Immanuel.* Unto us a child is born, *unto us a son is given.* In this was manifested the love of God toward us, *because that God sent his only-begotten Son into the world that we might live through him.* Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, *who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Or the Introit for the first service on Christmas Day, page 32.

COLLECTS



ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us thy only begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin: Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Additional



GOD, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come again to be our Judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. Amen.

LESSON: *Micah 5:2-5*


A reading from the Book of the Prophet Micah.



BUT thou, Beth-lehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting. Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she which travaileth hath brought forth: then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel. And he shall stand and feed in the


strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God; and they shall abide: for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth. And this man shall be the peace.

GRADUAL PSALM: 98:5-7

 HOW yourselves joyful unto the LORD, all ye lands: *sing, rejoice, and give thanks.* Praise the LORD upon the harp: *sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.* With trumpets also and the sound of the horn, *O show yourselves joyful before the LORD, the King.*


EPISTLE: *Titus 2:11-15*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to Titus.

 HE grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. These things speak; and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

GOSPEL: *Luke 2:1-14*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Luke.

 OW it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem (because he was of the house and lineage of David;) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, good will toward men.

St Stephen

The First Martyr; December 26

INTROIT PSALM: 119:17–24



DO well unto thy servant, *that I may live, and keep thy word.* Open thou mine eyes, *that I may see the wondrous things of thy law.* I am a sojourner upon earth: *O hide not thy commandments from me.* My soul breaketh out for the very fervent desire *that it hath alway unto thy judgements.* Thou hast rebuked the proud, *and cursed are they that do err from thy commandments.* O turn from me shame and rebuke; *for I have kept thy testimonies.* Princes also did sit and speak against me; *but thy servant is occupied in thy statutes.* For thy testimonies are my delight, *and my counsellors.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* Princes also did sit and speak against me; *but thy servant is occupied in thy statutes.*

COLLECTS



RANT, O Lord, that in all our sufferings here upon earth, for the testimony of thy truth, we may stedfastly look up to heaven, and by faith behold the glory that shall be revealed; and, being filled with the Holy Spirit, may learn to love and bless our persecutors, by the example of thy first Martyr Saint Stephen, who prayed for his murderers to thee, O blessed Jesus, who standest at the right hand of God to succour all those that suffer for thee, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

For Christmas



LMIGHTY God, who hast given us thy only begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to

be born of a pure Virgin: Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

For Christmas



GOD, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come again to be our Judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. Amen.

LESSON: 2 Chronicles 24:15–22

A reading from the Second Book of Chronicles.



HEHOIADA waxed old, and was full of days when he died; an hundred and thirty years old was he when he died. And they buried him in the city of David among the kings, because he had done good in Israel, both toward God, and toward his house. Now after the death of Jehoiada came the princes of Judah, and made obeisance to the king. Then the king hearkened unto them. And they left the house of the Lord God of their fathers, and served groves and idols: and wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for this their trespass. Yet he sent prophets to them, to bring them again unto the Lord; and they testified against them: but they would not give ear. And the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, which stood

above the people, and said unto them, Thus saith God, Why transgress ye the commandments of the Lord, that ye cannot prosper? because ye have forsaken the Lord, he hath also forsaken you. And they conspired against him, and stoned him with stones at the commandment of the king in the court of the house of the Lord. Thus Joash the king remembered not the kindness which Jehoiada his father had done to him, but slew his son. And when he died, he said, The Lord look upon it, and require it.

GRADUAL PSALM: 119:161–168

HRINCES have persecuted me without a cause; *but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.* I am as glad of thy word, *as one that findeth great spoil.* As for lies, I hate and abhor them; *but thy law do I love.* Seven times a day do I praise thee, *because of thy righteous judgements.* Great is the peace that they have who love thy law; *and nothing shall lead them astray.* LORD, I have looked for thy saving health, *and done after thy commandments.* My soul hath kept thy testimonies, *and loved them exceedingly.* I have kept thy precepts and testimonies; *for all my ways are before thee.*

EPISTLE: Acts 7:55–60

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

STEPHEN, being full of the Holy Spirit, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, and said, Behold, I see the heavens opened,

and the Son of Man standing on the right hand of God. Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord, and cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul. And they stoned Stephen calling upon God and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

GOSPEL: Matthew 23:34–39

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Matthew.

JESUS spake unto the Scribes and Pharisees, saying, Behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes; and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city; that upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zachariah the son of Barachiah, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar. Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

St John

Apostle and Evangelist; December 27

INTROIT PSALM: 92:1-4



IT is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, *and to sing praises unto thy Name, O thou Most High; To tell of thy loving-kindness in the morning, and of thy faithfulness in the night-season; Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the lute, with a melody upon the harp. For thou, LORD, hast made me glad through thy works; and I will rejoice in giving praise for the operations of thy hands.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, *and to sing praises unto thy Name, O thou Most High.*

COLLECTS



MERCIFUL Lord, we beseech thee to cast thy bright beams of light upon thy Church, that it being enlightened by the doctrine of thy blessed Apostle and Evangelist Saint John may so walk in the light of thy truth, that it may at length attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Christmas

LMIGHTY God, who hast given us thy only begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin: Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and

the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

For Christmas

GOD, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come again to be our Judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. Amen.


LESSON: *Exodus 33:9-23**A reading from the Book of Exodus.*

AND it came to pass, as Moses entered into the tabernacle, the cloudy pillar descended, and stood at the door of the tabernacle, and the Lord talked with Moses. And all the people saw the cloudy pillar stand at the tabernacle door: and all the people rose up and worshipped, every man in his tent door. And the Lord spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp: but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle.

And Moses said unto the Lord, See, thou sayest unto me, Bring up this people: and thou hast not let me know whom thou wilt send with me. Yet thou hast said, I know thee by name, and thou hast also found grace in my sight. Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation is thy

people. And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest. And he said unto him, If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence. For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight? is it not in that thou goest with us? so shall we be separated, I and thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth. And the Lord said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name. And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory. And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy. And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live. And the Lord said, Behold, there is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock: and it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a clift of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by: and I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back parts: but my face shall not be seen.

GRADUAL PSALM: 92:12-15

 HE righteous shall flourish like a palm-tree, *and shall spread abroad like a cedar in Lebanon.* Such as are planted in the house of the LORD *shall flourish in the courts of our God.* They shall still bring forth fruit in old age, *and shall be full of sap and flourishing;* That they may show how true the LORD is; *he is my strength, and there is no unrighteousness in him.*

EPISTLE: 1 John 1:1-5

A reading from the First Letter of Saint John.



HAT which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; (for the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) that which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full. This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

GOSPEL: John 21:19-25

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint John.



ESUS said unto Peter, Follow me. Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following; which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee? Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do? Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? Follow thou me. Then went this saying abroad among the brethren, That that disciple should not die: yet Jesus said not unto him, He shall not die; but, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? This is the disciple which beareth witness of these things, and wrote these things, and we know that his witness is true. And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which if they should be written every one, I suppose, that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written.

Holy Innocents

The Child Martyrs of Bethlehem; December 28

INTROIT PSALM: 8:1–2



LORD our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world, *thou that hast set thy glory above the heavens!* Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength, because of thine enemies, *that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength, because of thine enemies, *that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.*

COLLECTS



ALMIGHTY God, who out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast ordained strength, and madest infants to glorify thee by their deaths: Mortify and kill all vices in us, and so strengthen us by thy grace, that by the innocency of our lives, and constancy of our faith, even unto death, we may glorify thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Christmas



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LESSON: *Exodus 1:15–22*

A reading from the Book of Exodus.



AND the king of Egypt spake to the Hebrew midwives, of which the name of the one was Shiphrah, and the name of the other Puah: and he said, When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see them upon the stools; if it be a son, then ye shall kill him: but if it be a daughter, then she shall live. But the midwives feared God, and did not as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the men children alive. And the king of Egypt called for the midwives, and said unto them, Why have ye done this thing, and have saved the men children alive? And the midwives said unto Pharaoh, Because the Hebrew women are not as the Egyptian women; for they are lively, and are delivered ere the midwives come in unto them. Therefore God dealt well with the midwives: and the people multiplied, and waxed very mighty. And it came to pass, because the midwives feared God, that he made

them houses. And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river, and every daughter ye shall save alive.

GRADUAL PSALM: 124:5-7

BUT praised be the LORD, *who hath not given us over for a prey unto their teeth.* Our soul is escaped even as a bird out of the snare of the fowler: *the snare is broken, and we are delivered.* Our help standeth in the Name of the LORD, *who hath made heaven and earth.*

EPISTLE: *Revelation 14:1-5*

A reading from the Revelation to Saint John.

ISAW, and behold the Lamb standing on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred and forty and four thousand, having his Name, and the Name of his Father, written on their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and the voice which I heard was as the voice of harpers harping upon their harps; and they sing as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no man could learn that song, but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth. These are they which were not defiled with women, for they are virgins: these are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth: these were redeemed from among men, being the first-fruits unto God, and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no guile; for they are without fault before the throne of God.

GOSPEL: *Matthew 2:13-18*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Matthew.



HE angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child, and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word; for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. And he arose and took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt, and was there until the death of Herod; that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my Son. Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth; and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying, In Ramah was there a voice heard, Lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, And would not be comforted, because they are not.

Christmas I

The Sunday after Christmas Day

The Sunday from December 29–31

INTROIT PSALM: 93



HE LORD is King, and hath put on glorious apparel: *the LORD hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength.*

He hath made the round world so sure, *that it cannot be moved.* Ever since the world began hath thy throne been established: *thou art from everlasting.* The floods have lift up, O LORD, the floods have lift up their voice: *the floods lift up their waves.* Mightier than the roar of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, *the LORD, who dwelleth on high, is mighty.* Thy testimonies, O LORD, are very sure: *holiness becometh thine house for ever.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* The LORD is King, and hath put on glorious apparel: *the LORD hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength.*

COLLECTS



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For Christmas



GOD, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come again to be our Judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. Amen.

When these readings are used for Saint Joseph of Nazareth, March 19



GOD Most High, who from the family of thy servant David didst raise up Joseph the carpenter to be protector of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of our Lord: Grant that we may so labour in our earthly vocations, that they may become labours of love and service offered unto thee, our Father; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

LESSON: *Ruth 4:13–17**A reading from the Book of Ruth.*

O Boaz took Ruth, and she was his wife: and when he went in unto her, the Lord gave her conception, and she bare a son. And the women said unto Naomi, Blessed be the Lord, which hath not left thee this day without a kinsman, that his name may be famous in Israel. And he shall be unto thee a restorer of thy life, and a nourisher of thine old age: for thy daughter in law, which loveth thee, which is better to thee than seven sons, hath born him. And Naomi took the child, and laid it in her bosom, and became nurse unto it. And the women her neighbours gave it a name, saying, There is a son born to Naomi; and they called his name Obed: he is the father of Jesse, the father of David.

GRADUAL PSALM: *110:1–4*

THE LORD said unto my lord, *'Sit thou on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.'* The LORD shall send the rod of thy power out of Sion: *be thou ruler, even in the midst among thine enemies.* Thy people offer themselves willingly in the day of thy power; *in the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, thou hast the dew of thy youth.* The LORD sware and will not repent, *'Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.'*

EPISTLE: *Galatians 4:1–7**A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Galatians.*

NOW I say, that the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; but is under tutors and governors, until the time appointed of the father. Even so we, when we

were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world: but when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because Ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

GOSPEL: *Matthew 1:18–25**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Matthew.*

THE birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife; for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost: and she shall bring forth a Son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS; for he shall save his people from their sins. (Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a Virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a Son, And they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.) Then Joseph, being raised from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife; and knew her not till she had brought forth her first-born son: and he called his name JESUS.

Octave of Christmas

The Eighth Day of Christmas & The Circumcision of Christ, and New Year's Day

January 1–5: This service shall be used every day until the Epiphany.

INTROIT PSALM: 8



O LORD our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world, *thou that hast set thy glory above the heavens!* Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength, because of thine enemies, *that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.* When I consider thy heavens, even the work of thy fingers; *the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;* What is man, that thou art mindful of him, *and the son of man, that thou visitest him?* Thou hast made him but little lower than the angels, *and dost crown him with glory and worship.* Thou makest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; *and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet;* All sheep and oxen; *yea, and the beasts of the field;* The birds of the air, and the fishes of the sea; *and whatsoever moveth through the paths of the seas.* O LORD our Governor, *how excellent is thy Name in all the world!*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* O Lord our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world, *thou that hast set thy glory above the heavens!*

COLLECTS



ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us thy only begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin: Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Of the Circumcision



ALMIGHTY God, who madest thy blessed Son to be circumcised, and obedient to the law for man: Grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit; that, our hearts, and all our members, being mortified from all worldly and carnal lusts, we may in all things obey thy blessed will; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

When these readings are used for the Holy Name of Jesus, August 7



ALMIGHTY God, who by thy blessed Apostle hast taught us that there is none other name given among men whereby we must be saved, but only the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ: Grant, we beseech thee, that we may ever glory in this Name, and strive to make thy salvation known unto all mankind; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Of the New Year

IMMORTAL Lord God, who inhabitest eternity, and hast brought thy servants to the beginning of another year: Pardon, we humbly beseech thee, our transgressions in the past, bless to us this New Year, and graciously abide with us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In services with only two readings, use the Lesson rather than the Epistle.

LESSON: *Isaiah 9:2–7*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.



THE people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. Thou hast multiplied the nation, thou hast increased their joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian. For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgement and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

GRADUAL PSALM: *145:18–22*

THE LORD is righteous in all his ways, and gracious in all his works. The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, yea, all such as call upon him faithfully. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: and he will hear their cry, and will help them. The LORD preserveth all them that love him; but scattereth abroad all the ungodly. My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD: and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and ever.

EPISTLE: *Ephesians 2:11–18*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Ephesians.



HEREFORE remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; that at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: but now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; and that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: and came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. for through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

GOSPEL: *Luke 2:15–21*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint Luke.*



AND it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the

saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them. And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Epiphany

The Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles; January 6

INTROIT PSALM: 72:1-7



GIVE the king thy judgements, O God, and thy righteousness unto the king's son. Then shall he judge thy people according unto right, and thy poor with justice. The mountains also shall bring peace, and the little hills righteousness unto the people. He shall keep the simple folk by their right, save the children of the poor, and punish the wrong doer. He shall live as long as the sun, and while the moon endureth, from one generation to another. He shall come down like the rain upon the mown grass, even as the showers that water the earth. In his time shall righteousness flourish; yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Give the king thy judgements, O God, and thy righteousness unto the king's son.

COLLECT



GOD, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles: Mercifully grant, that we, who know thee now by faith, may be led onward through this earthly life, until we see the vision of thy heavenly glory; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

LESSON: *Isaiah 60:1-9*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.



RISE, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side. Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee. The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall shew forth the praises of the Lord.

All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together unto thee, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister unto thee: they shall come up with acceptance on mine altar, and I will glorify the house of my glory. Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows? Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the Lord thy God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because he hath glorified thee.

GRADUAL PSALM: 72:8-II



LET his dominion also be from sea to sea, *and from the River unto the world's end.* Let them that dwell in the wilderness kneel before him; *and let his enemies lick the dust.* Let the kings of Tarshish and of the isles give presents, *and the kings of Arabia and Seba bring gifts.* Let all kings fall down before him, *and all nations do him service.*

EPISTLE: *Ephesians* 3:1-12

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Ephesians.



FOR this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles; if ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God, which is given unto me for your sakes: How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery (as I wrote afore in few words, whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)

which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy Apostles and Prophets by the Spirit; That the Gentiles should be fellow-heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ, by the GOSPEL: whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power. Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; and to make all men see what is the dispensation of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things: to the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be made known, through the Church, the manifold wisdom of God, according to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.

GOSPEL: *Matthew 2:1-12*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint Matthew.*



WHEN Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea, in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them, where the Christ was to be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, Art not the least among the princes of Judah: For out of thee shall come a Governor That

shall rule my people Israel. Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go, and search diligently for the young child, and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. When they had heard the king, they departed; and lo, the star which they saw in the east went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

Baptism of Christ

Within the Octave of Epiphany

This service from the 1962 BCP may be used on any day in the Octave of Epiphany, including on the First Sunday after Epiphany instead of the readings appointed for Epiphany 1. In the Sarum Missal, the Baptism of Christ was appointed for the Sunday within the Octave of Epiphany, then what we know as “Epiphany 1” on the next Sunday, and so on, shifting the Sundays after Epiphany “back” one week relative to the BCP.

INTROIT PSALM: 98:1–4



SING unto the LORD a new song; for he hath done marvellous things. With his own right hand, and with his holy arm, hath he gotten himself the victory. The LORD hath declared his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly shown in the sight of the nations. He hath remembered his mercy and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel; and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. The LORD hath declared his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

COLLECTS



HEAVENLY Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ did take our nature upon him, and was baptized for our sakes in the river Jordan: Mercifully grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may also be partakers of thy Holy Spirit; through him whom thou didst send to be our Saviour and Redeemer, even the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Epiphany (optional)



GOD, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles: Mercifully grant,

that we, who know thee now by faith, may be led onward through this earthly life, until we see the vision of thy heavenly glory; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

LESSON: *Isaiah 42:1–8*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.



BEHOLD my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgement to the Gentiles. He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street. A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgement unto truth. He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgement in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law. Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein: I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles; to open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house. I am the LORD: that is my name: and

my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.

GRADUAL PSALM: 98:8–10



LET the sea make a noise, and all that is therein; *the round world, and they that dwell therein.* Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the LORD; *for he is come to judge the earth.* With righteousness shall he judge the world, *and the peoples with equity.*

EPISTLE: *Galatians 3:23–29*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Galatians.



BEFORE faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

GOSPEL: *Mark 1:1–11*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Mark.



THE beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God; as it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, Which shall prepare thy way before thee. The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, Make his paths straight. John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins. And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a girdle of a skin about his loins; and he did eat locusts and wild honey; and preached, saying, There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose. I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit. And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan. And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him: and there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Epiphany 1

The First Sunday after Epiphany

The Sunday from January 7–13 / In the Sarum Missal, this service was appointed for the Sunday after the Octave of Epiphany (so, the second Sunday after Epiphany), rather than the Sunday immediately after the Epiphany. All the Sundays after Epiphany are shifted “back” one week in the Sarum Missal relative to the BCP.

INTROIT PSALM: 100



BE joyful in the LORD, all ye lands: *serve the LORD with gladness, and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the LORD he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name. For the LORD is gracious, his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth from generation to generation.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. O be joyful in the LORD, all ye lands: serve the LORD with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.*

COLLECT



LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people which call upon thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: Proverbs 1:1–9

A reading from the Book of Proverbs.



HE proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel; to know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding; to receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity; to give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion. A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels: to understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction. My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother: for they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.

GRADUAL PSALM: 84:1–4



HOW lovely are thy dwellings, *thou LORD of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thine altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house; they will be always praising thee.*

EPISTLE: *Romans 12:1–5*

*A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the
Apostle to the Romans.*

BESEECH you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God. For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office; so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

GOSPEL: *Luke 2:41–52*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint Luke.*

NOW his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem, after the custom of the feast. And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it. But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey, and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance. And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him. And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers. And when they saw him., they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business? And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them. And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, and stature, and in favour with God and man.

Epiphany 2

*The Second Sunday after Epiphany**The Sunday from January 14–20*

INTROIT PSALM: 66:1–3



BE joyful in God, all ye lands; *sing praises unto the honour of his Name; make his praise to be glorious.* Say unto God, ‘O how wonderful are thy works! *because of the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies feign obedience unto thee.* All the world shall worship thee, *sing of thee, and praise thy Name.*’

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* All the world shall worship thee, *sing of thee, and praise thy Name.*’

COLLECT



ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and grant us thy peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: *Isaiah 61:10–62:4*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.



WILL greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to

spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

For Zion’s sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth. And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord shall name. Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God. Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Hephzi-bah, and thy land Beulah: for the Lord delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married.

GRADUAL PSALM: 107:8–9



THAT men would therefore praise the LORD for his goodness, *and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men!* For he satisfieth the empty soul, *and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.*

EPISTLE: *Romans 12:6–16*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Romans.



HAVING then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; or ministry, let us wait on our ministering; or he

that teacheth, on teaching; or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that showeth mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil, cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love, in honour preferring one another: not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. Bless them which persecute you; bless, and curse not. Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate.

GOSPEL: *John 2:1-11*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint John.*



AND the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there: and Jesus also was

bidden, and his disciples, to the wedding. And when the wine failed, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine. Jesus saith unto her, O woman, what is that to thee and to me? mine hour is not yet come. His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it. And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three measures apiece. Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it. When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was, (though the servants which drew the water knew,) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, and saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine, and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now. This beginning of signs did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory, and his disciples believed on him.

Epiphany 3

The Third Sunday after Epiphany

The Sunday from January 21–27, if Septuagesima has not yet occurred / St Paul (January 25) may occur during this week. If it falls on the Sunday, it takes precedence over these readings. The Presentation (February 2) may occur between this Sunday and the next.

INTROIT PSALM: 148:1–6



PRAISE the LORD from the heavens: *praise him in the heights.* Praise him, all ye angels of his: *praise him, all his host.*

Praise him, sun and moon: *praise him, all ye stars of light.* Praise him, all ye heavens, *and ye waters that are above the heavens.* Let them praise the Name of the LORD; *for he commanded and they were created.* He hath made them fast for ever and ever: *he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* Praise him, all ye angels of his: *praise him, all his host.*

COLLECT



ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: 1 Kings 8:22, 30, 41–43

A reading from the First Book of Kings.



SOLOMON stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven, saying: Hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall pray

toward this place: and hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place: and when thou hearest, forgive.

Moreover concerning a stranger, that is not of thy people Israel, but cometh out of a far country for thy name's sake; (for they shall hear of thy great name, and of thy strong hand, and of thy stretched out arm;) when he shall come and pray toward this house; hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for: that all people of the earth may know thy name, to fear thee, as do thy people Israel; and that they may know that this house, which I have builded, is called by thy name.

GRADUAL PSALM: 102:15–18



HE nations shall fear thy Name, O LORD, *and all the kings of the earth thy majesty;* When the LORD hath built up Sion, *and when he hath appeared in his glory;* When he hath turned him unto the prayer of the poor destitute, *and hath not despised their desire.* This shall be written for those that come after; *and a people which shall be born shall praise the LORD.*

EPISTLE: *Romans 12:16–21*

*A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the
Apostle to the Romans.*



BE not wise in your own conceits. Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath; for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

GOSPEL: *Matthew 8:1–13*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint Matthew.*



WHEN Jesus was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him. And behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. And Jesus saith unto

him, See thou tell no man, but go thy way, show thyself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them. And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion beseeching him, and saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him. The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof; but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say unto this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no not in Israel. And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way, and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the self-same hour.

Epiphany 4

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

The Sunday from January 28–February 3, if Septuagesima has not yet occurred / The Presentation (February 2) may occur during this week. If it falls on the Sunday, it takes precedence over these readings.

INTROIT PSALM: 98:1–7



SING unto the LORD a new song; *for he hath done marvellous things.* With his own right hand, and with his holy arm, *hath he gotten himself the victory.* The LORD hath declared his salvation: *his righteousness hath he openly shown in the sight of the nations.* He hath remembered his mercy and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel; *and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.* Show yourselves joyful unto the LORD, all ye lands: *sing, rejoice, and give thanks.* Praise the LORD upon the harp: *sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.* With trumpets also and the sound of the horn, *O show yourselves joyful before the LORD, the King.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* O sing unto the LORD a new song; *for he hath done marvellous things.*

COLLECT



GOD, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: *Job 38:1–18*

A reading from the Book of Job.



WHEN the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said, Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me.

Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof; when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy? Or who shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, as if it had issued out of the womb? When I made the cloud the garment thereof, and thick darkness a swaddlingband for it, and brake up for it my decreed place, and set bars and doors, and said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further: and here shall thy proud waves be stayed?

Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days; and caused the dayspring to know his place; that it might take hold of the ends of the earth, that the wicked might be shaken out of it? It is turned as clay to the seal; and they stand as a garment. And from the wicked their light is withholden, and the high arm shall be broken. Hast thou entered into the springs of the sea? or hast thou walked in the search of the depth? Have the gates of death been

opened unto thee? or hast thou seen the doors of the shadow of death? Hast thou perceived the breadth of the earth? declare if thou knowest it all.

GRADUAL PSALM: 98:8-10



LET the sea make a noise, and all that is therein; *the round world, and they that dwell therein.* Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the LORD; *for he is come to judge the earth.* With righteousness shall he judge the world, *and the peoples with equity.*

EPISTLE: *Romans 13:1-7*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Romans.



LET every man be subject unto the higher powers; for there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves judgement. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: for he is a minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is a

minister of God, an avenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. And for this cause too ye pay taxes; for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. Render therefore to all their dues; tribute to whom tribute is due, custom to whom custom, fear to whom fear, honour to whom honour.

GOSPEL: *Mark 4:35-41*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Mark.



AND the same day, when the even was come, Jesus saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side. And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships. And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish? And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith? And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

Epiphany 5

*The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**The Sunday from February 4–10, if Septuagesima has not yet occurred*

INTROIT PSALM: 97:1–6

THE LORD is King, the earth may be glad thereof: *yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof.* Clouds and darkness are round about him: *righteousness and judgement are the foundation of his throne.* There goeth a fire before him, *and burneth up his enemies on every side.* His lightnings gave shine unto the world: *the earth saw it, and was afraid.* The hills melted like wax at the presence of the LORD, *at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.* The heavens have declared his righteousness, *and all the peoples have seen his glory.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.* Amen. The heavens have declared his righteousness, *and all the peoples have seen his glory.*

COLLECT

LORD, we beseech thee to keep thy Church and household continually in thy true religion; that they who do lean only upon the hope of thy heavenly grace may evermore be defended by thy mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: *Daniel 12:1–4**A reading from the Book of the Prophet Daniel.*

AND at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same

time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

GRADUAL PSALM: 126:5–7

RESTORE our fortunes, O LORD, *as the rivers in the South.* They that sow in tears *shall reap in joy.* He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth his seed, *shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.*

EPISTLE: *Colossians 3:12–17**A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Colossians.*

BUT on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, mercy and compassion, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a complaint against any; even as the Lord forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in

one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to God. And whatsoever ye do, in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

GOSPEL: *Matthew 13:24–30*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint Matthew.*



ANOTHER parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field. But while men

slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came, and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest; and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

Epiphany 6

*The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**The Sunday from February 11–14, if Septuagesima has not yet occurred*

INTROIT PSALM: 99:1–5

THE LORD is King; let the peoples tremble; *he sitteth upon the cherubim; let the earth be moved.* The LORD is great in Sion, *and high above all the peoples.* Let them give thanks unto thy Name, *which is great and wonderful; for he is holy.* The King's power loveth judgement; thou dost establish equity: *thou dost execute judgement and righteousness in Jacob.* O magnify the LORD our God, *and fall down before his footstool; for he is holy.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* The LORD is King; let the peoples tremble; *he sitteth upon the cherubim; let the earth be moved.*

COLLECT

GOD, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil, and make us the sons of God, and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves, even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

LESSON: Isaiah 63:15–19

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

LOOK down from heaven, and behold from the habitation of thy holiness and of thy glory: where is thy zeal and thy strength, the sounding of thy bowels and of thy mercies toward me? are they restrained? Doubtless thou art our father, though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not: thou, O Lord, art our father, our redeemer; thy name is from everlasting.

O Lord, why hast thou made us to err from thy ways, and hardened our heart from thy fear? Return for thy servants' sake, the tribes of thine inheritance. The people of thy holiness have possessed it but a little while: our adversaries have trodden down thy sanctuary. We are thine: thou never barest rule over them; they were not called by thy name.

GRADUAL PSALM: 99:6–9

MOSES and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among such as call upon his Name: *these called upon the LORD, and he heard them.* He spake unto them out of the cloudy pillar; *for they kept his testimonies, and the law that he gave them.* Thou heardest them, O LORD our God; *thou forgavest them, O God, though thou didst punish their doings.* O magnify the LORD our God, and worship at his holy hill; *for the LORD our God is holy.*

EPISTLE: I John 3:1–8

A reading from the First Letter of Saint John.

BEHOLD, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God; and so we are. Therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure. Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. He that committeth sin is of the devil: for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:23–31

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint Matthew.*

WHEN if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is the Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that (if it were possible) they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore, if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: Behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be. For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together. Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken. And then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Septuagesima

The Third Sunday before Lent

INTROIT PSALM: 18:1-7



LOVE thee, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my stony rock, my defence, and my Saviour; My God, and my might, in whom I will trust; my shield, the horn also of my salvation, and my refuge. I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised; so shall I be saved from mine enemies. The waves of death compassed me, and the floods of ungodliness made me afraid. The cords of hell came about me; the snares of death overtook me. In my trouble I called upon the LORD, and complained unto my God. So he heard my voice out of his holy temple, and my complaint before him entered into his ears.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. He heard my voice out of his holy temple, and my complaint before him entered into his ears.

COLLECT



LORD, we beseech thee favourably to hear the prayers of thy people; that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by thy goodness, for the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

LESSON: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.



AND Moses went up from the plains of Moab unto the mountain of Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, that is over against Jericho. And the Lord shewed him all the land of Gilead, unto Dan, and all Naphtali, and the land of Ephraim, and Manasseh, and all the land of Judah, unto the utmost sea, and the south, and the plain of the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, unto Zoar. And the Lord said unto him, This is the land which I sware unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, saying, I will give it unto thy seed: I have caused thee to see it with thine eyes, but thou shalt not go over thither. So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord. And he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Beth-peor: but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day. And Moses was an hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated. And the children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days: so the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended.

And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands upon him: and the children of Israel hearkened unto him, and did as the Lord commanded Moses. And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, in all the signs and the wonders, which the Lord sent him to do in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all his land, and in all that mighty hand, and

in all the great terror which Moses shewed in the sight of all Israel.

GRADUAL PSALM: 119:25–32



Y soul cleaveth to the dust; O quicken thou me, according to thy word. I have acknowledged my ways, and thou heardest me: O teach me thy statutes. Make me to understand the way of thy precepts; and so shall I meditate upon thy wondrous works. My soul melteth away for very heaviness: comfort thou me according unto thy word. Take from me the way of lying, and graciously grant me thy law. I have chosen the way of truth, and thy judgments have I laid before me. I cleave unto thy testimonies: O LORD, confound me not. I will run the way of thy commandments, when thou hast set my heart at liberty.

EPISTLE: I Corinthians 9:24–27

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians.



NOW ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things: now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown, but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: but I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection, lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1–16

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Matthew.



ND Jesus spake unto them another parable, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which went out early in the

morning to hire labourers into his vineyard. And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and said unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way. Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise. And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle? They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive. So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the labourers, and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first. And when they came that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny. But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny. And when they had received it, they murmured against the good-man of the house, saying, These last have worked but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day. But he answered one of them, and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong; didst not thou agree with me for a penny? Take that thine is, and go thy way; I will give unto this last even as unto thee. Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good? So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.

Sexagesima

The Second Sunday before Lent

INTROIT PSALM: 44:24-27



U P, Lord, why sleepest thou? *awake, and be not absent from us for ever.* Wherefore hidest thou thy face, and forgettest our misery and trouble? For our soul is brought low, even unto the dust: *our body cleaveth unto the ground.* Arise, and help us, and deliver us for thy mercy's sake.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* Up, Lord, why sleepest thou? *awake, and be not absent from us for ever.*

COLLECT



LORD God, who seest that we put not our trust in any thing that we do: Mercifully grant that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: Exodus 16:11-21

A reading from the Book of Exodus.



THE Lord spake unto Moses, saying, I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel: speak unto them, saying, At even ye shall eat flesh, and in the morning ye shall be filled with bread; and ye shall know that I am the Lord your God. And it came to pass, that at even the quails came up, and covered the camp: and in the morning the dew lay round about the host. And when the dew that lay was gone up, behold, upon the face of the wilderness there lay a small round thing, as small as the hoar frost on the ground. And when the children of Israel saw it, they said one to another, It is manna: for they wist

not what it was. And Moses said unto them, This is the bread which the Lord hath given you to eat. This is the thing which the Lord hath commanded, Gather of it every man according to his eating, an omer for every man, according to the number of your persons; take ye every man for them which are in his tents. And the children of Israel did so, and gathered, some more, some less. And when they did mete it with an omer, he that gathered much had nothing over, and he that gathered little had no lack; they gathered every man according to his eating. And Moses said, Let no man leave of it till the morning. Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto Moses; but some of them left of it until the morning, and it bred worms, and stank: and Moses was wroth with them. And they gathered it every morning, every man according to his eating: and when the sun waxed hot, it melted.

GRADUAL PSALM: 17:6-9



I HAVE called upon thee, O God, for thou shalt hear me: *incline thine ear to me, and hearken unto my words.* Show thy marvellous loving-kindness, thou that art the Saviour of them that put their trust in thee, *from such as resist thy right hand.* Keep me as the apple of an eye; *hide me under the shadow of thy wings,* From the ungodly that trouble me, *even mine enemies that compass me round about to take away my soul.*

EPISTLE: *2 Corinthians II:21-31*

A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians.

WHEREINSOEVER any is bold, (I speak foolishly,) I am bold also. Are they Hebrews? so am I. Are they Israelites? so am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? so am I. Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft. Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; in journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; in weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not? If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities.

GOSPEL: *Luke 8:4-15*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Luke.

WHEN much people were gathered together, and were come to him out of every city, he spake by a parable: A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell by the way-side, and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it. And some fell upon a rock, and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it. And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundred-fold. And when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. And his disciples asked him, saying, What might this parable be? And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the way-side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe, and be saved. They on the rock are they which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away. And that which fell among thorns are they which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares, and riches, and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection. But that on the good ground are they which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.

Quinquagesima

The Sunday before Lent

INTROIT PSALM: 31:1-6



LN thee, O LORD, have I put my trust; *let me never be put to confusion; deliver me in thy righteousness.* Bow down thine ear to me; *make haste to deliver me,* And be thou my strong rock and house of defence, *that thou mayest save me.* For thou art my strong rock and my castle: *be thou also my guide, and lead me for thy Name's sake.* Draw me out of the net that they have hidden for me; *for thou art my strength.* Into thy hands I commend my spirit; *for thou hast redeemed me, O LORD, thou God of truth.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* Thou art my strong rock and my castle: *be thou also my guide, and lead me for thy Name's sake.*

COLLECT



LORD, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth: Send thy Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

LESSON: Exodus 34:1-8

A reading from the Book of Exodus.



AND the Lord said unto Moses, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first: and I will write upon these tables the words that were in the first tables, which thou brakest. And be ready in the morning,

and come up in the morning unto mount Sinai, and present thyself there to me in the top of the mount. And no man shall come up with thee, neither let any man be seen throughout all the mount; neither let the flocks nor herds feed before that mount.

And he hewed two tables of stone like unto the first; and Moses rose up early in the morning, and went up unto mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tables of stone. And the Lord descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord. And the Lord passed by before him, and proclaimed, The Lord, The Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation. And Moses made haste, and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshipped.

GRADUAL PSALM: 31:22-26



HOW plentiful is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee, *and that thou hast wrought for them that put their trust in thee, even before the sons of men!* Thou hidest them in the secret place of thine own presence from the plottings of men: *thou keepest them secretly in thy tabernacle from the strife of tongues.* Thanks be to the LORD; *for he hath showed me his marvellous loving-kindness in a strong city.* But as for me, I said in my haste,

'I am cast out of the sight of thine eyes.' Nevertheless, thou heardest the voice of my prayer, *when I cried unto thee.*

EPISTLE: *I Corinthians 13:1-13*

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians.



THOUGH I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil, rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see in a glass darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am

known. And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three: but the greatest of these is charity.

GOSPEL: *Luke 18:31-43*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Luke.



WHEN Jesus took unto him the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished. For he shall be delivered unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and spitefully entreated, and spitted on: and they shall scourge him, and put him to death; and the third day he shall rise again. And they understood none of these things: and this saying was hid from them, neither knew they the things which were spoken. And it came to pass, that as he was come nigh unto Jericho, a certain blind man sat by the way-side begging: and hearing the multitude pass by, he asked what it meant. And they told him, that Jesus of Nazareth passeth by. And he cried, saying, Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me. And they which went before rebuked him, that he should hold his peace: but he cried so much the more, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me. And Jesus stood, and commanded him to be brought unto him: and when he was come near, he asked him, saying, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? And he said, Lord, that I may receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight; thy faith hath saved thee. And immediately he received his sight, and followed him, glorifying God: and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God.

Ash Wednesday

The First Day of Lent

INTROIT PSALM: 57:1-7

BE merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me; *for my soul trusteth in thee*; And under the shadow of thy wings shall be my refuge, *until this tyranny be overpast*. I will call unto God Most High, *even unto the God that shall perform the cause that I have in hand*. He shall send from heaven and save me, *even from the reproach of him that would eat me up*. God shall send forth his mercy and truth; *my soul is among lions*; And I lie even among the children of men, that are set on fire, *whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword*. Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens, *and thy glory above all the earth*.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end*. Amen. Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me; *for my soul trusteth in thee*.

COLLECT

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the Canadian BCP, the following Lesson is appointed for use at “The Penitential Service” which may be used in connection with a Communion Service.

LESSON: Joel 2:12-19

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Joel.

HEREFORÉ also now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: and rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. Who knoweth if he will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him; even a meat offering and a drink offering unto the Lord your God?

Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly: gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?

Then will the Lord be jealous for his land, and pity his people. Yea, the Lord will answer and say unto his people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen.

GRADUAL PSALM: 103:8-14



THE LORD is full of compassion and gracious, *long-suffering, and of great goodness.* He will not always be chiding: *neither keepeth he his anger for ever.* He hath not dealt with us after our sins, *nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.* For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth, *so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.* Look how wide also the east is from the west, *so far hath he set our sins from us.* Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children, *even so is the LORD merciful unto them that fear him.* For he knoweth whereof we are made: *he remembereth that we are but dust.*

EPISTLE: James 4:6-11

A reading from the Letter of Saint James.



GOD bestoweth abundant grace; wherefore the Scripture saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double-minded. Be af-

flicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up. Speak not evil one of another, brethren.

GOSPEL: Matthew 6:16-21

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Matthew.




AND Jesus spake unto his disciples, saying, When ye fast, be not as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face, that thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall recompense thee. Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Lent 1

The First Sunday in Lent


Ember Days occur on the Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday after Lent 1.

INTROIT PSALM: 91:1-8


 HOSO dwelleth under the defence of the Most High *shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.* I will say unto the LORD, 'Thou art my refuge and my stronghold; *my God in whom I will trust.*' For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter, *and from the noisome pestilence.* He shall defend thee under his wings, and thou shalt be safe under his feathers; *his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.* Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night, *nor for the arrow that flieth by day;* For the pestilence that walketh in darkness, *nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noonday.* A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at thy right hand; *but it shall not come nigh thee.* Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou behold, *and see the reward of the ungodly.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.* Amen. Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the Most High *shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.*

COLLECTS


 LORD, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights: Give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness, to thy honour and glory; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

For Lent

 LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: *Deuteronomy 8:1-10*

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

 LL the commandments which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the Lord sware unto your fathers. And thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no. And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live. Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither did thy foot swell, these forty years. Thou shalt also consider in thine heart, that, as a man chasteneth his son, so the Lord thy God chasteneth thee. Therefore thou shalt keep the commandments of the Lord thy God, to walk

in his ways, and to fear him. For the Lord thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills; a land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of oil olive, and honey; a land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, thou shalt not lack any thing in it; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass. When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the Lord thy God for the good land which he hath given thee.

GRADUAL PSALM: 91:9-16

BECAUSE thou hast said, 'The LORD is my refuge', *and hast made the Most High thy habitation*, There shall no evil happen unto thee, *neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling*. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, *to keep thee in all thy ways*. They shall bear thee in their hands, *that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone*. Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: *the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under thy feet*. Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him; *I will set him up, because he hath known my Name*. He shall call upon me, and I will hear him: *yea, I am with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and bring him to honour*. With long

life will I satisfy him, *and show him my salvation*.

EPISTLE: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians.



VE then, as workers together with him, beseech you also, that ye receive not the grace of God in vain; (for he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, And in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation;) giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed; but in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings; by pureness, by knowledge, by long-suffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by love unfeigned, by the word of truth, by the power of God; by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left; by honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; as sorrowful, yet alway rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

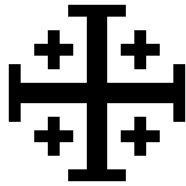
GOSPEL: *Matthew 4:1-11*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint Matthew.*



HEN was Jesus led up by the Spirit into the wilderness, to be tempted by the devil. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an-hungred. And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, But by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on the pinnacle of the temple, and saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God,

cast thyself down; for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee, And in their hands they shall bear thee up, Lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and showeth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; and saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan; for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, And him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil leaveth him, and behold, angels came and ministered unto him.



Lent 2

The Second Sunday in Lent

INTROIT PSALM: 25:1-7



INTRO thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul; *my God, I have put my trust in thee.* O let me not be confounded, *neither let mine enemies triumph over me.* For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed; *but such as transgress without a cause shall be put to confusion.* Show me thy ways, O LORD, *and teach me thy paths.* Lead me forth in thy truth and teach me: *for thou art the God of my salvation; in thee is my hope all the day long.* Call to remembrance, O LORD, *thy tender mercies, and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old.* O remember not the sins and offences of my youth; *but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O LORD, for thy goodness.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* Show me thy ways, O LORD, *and teach me thy paths.*

COLLECTS



ALMIGHTY God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Lent



ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in

us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: *Joshua 2:1-14*

A reading from the Book of Joshua.




JOSHUA the son of Nun sent out of Shittim two men to spy secretly, saying, Go view the land, even Jericho. And they went, and came into an harlot's house, named Rahab, and lodged there. And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, Behold, there came men in hither to night of the children of Israel to search out the country. And the king of Jericho sent unto Rahab, saying, Bring forth the men that are come to thee, which are entered into thine house: for they be come to search out all the country. And the woman took the two men, and hid them, and said thus, There came men unto me, but I wist not whence they were: and it came to pass about the time of shutting of the gate, when it was dark, that the men went out: whither the men went I wot not: pursue after them quickly; for ye shall overtake them. But she had brought them up to the roof of the house, and hid them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order upon the roof. And the men pursued after them the way to Jordan unto the fords: and as soon as they which pursued after them were gone out, they shut the gate.

And before they were laid down, she came up unto them upon the roof; and she said unto the men, I know that the Lord hath given you the land, and that your terror is fallen upon us,


and that all the inhabitants of the land faint because of you. For we have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red sea for you, when ye came out of Egypt; and what ye did unto the two kings of the Amorites, that were on the other side Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom ye utterly destroyed. And as soon as we had heard these things, our hearts did melt, neither did there remain any more courage in any man, because of you: for the Lord your God, he is God in heaven above, and in earth beneath. Now therefore, I pray you, swear unto me by the Lord, since I have shewed you kindness, that ye will also shew kindness unto my father's house, and give me a true token: and that ye will save alive my father, and my mother, and my brethren, and my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death. And the men answered her, Our life for yours, if ye utter not this our business. And it shall be, when the Lord hath given us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with thee.

GRADUAL PSALM: 123

 NTO thee lift I up mine eyes, O *thou that dwellest in the heavens*. Behold, even as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, *and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress*, Even so our eyes wait upon the LORD our God, *until he have mercy upon us*. Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us; *for we are utterly despised*. Our soul is filled with the scornful reproof of the wealthy, *and with the despitefulness of the proud*.

EPISTLE: 1 *Thessalonians* 4:1–7


A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Thessalonians.

 E beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk,

and to please God, so ye would abound more and more. For ye know what charges we gave you by the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication; that every one of you should know how to keep his own body in holiness and honour; not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles who know not God; that no man transgress, and wrong his brother in this matter; because the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified. For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

GOSPEL: *Matthew* 15:21–28

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Matthew.

 ESUS went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us. But he answered and said, I am not sent, but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Then came she and knelt before him, saying, Lord, help me. But he answered and said, It is not right to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs. And she said, Truth, Lord; yet the little dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table. Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

Lent 3

The Third Sunday in Lent

INTROIT PSALM: 25:8–15



GRACIOUS and righteous is the LORD; *therefore will he teach sinners in the way.* Them that are meek shall he guide in judgement; *and such as are gentle, them shall he teach his way.* All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth, *unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.* For thy Name's sake, O LORD, *be merciful unto my sin, for it is great.* What man is he that feareth the LORD? *him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.* His soul shall dwell at ease, *and his seed shall inherit the land.* The secret of the LORD is for them that fear him; *and he will show them his covenant.* Mine eyes are ever looking unto the LORD; *for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* Mine eyes are ever looking unto the LORD; *for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.*

COLLECTS



VE beseech thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty to be our defence against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Lent

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily

lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: *Deuteronomy 12:1–7*

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.



THESE are the statutes and judgments, which ye shall observe to do in the land, which the Lord God of thy fathers giveth thee to possess it, all the days that ye live upon the earth. Ye shall utterly destroy all the places, wherein the nations which ye shall possess served their gods, upon the high mountains, and upon the hills, and under every green tree: and ye shall overthrow their altars, and break their pillars, and burn their groves with fire; and ye shall hew down the graven images of their gods, and destroy the names of them out of that place. Ye shall not do so unto the Lord your God.

But unto the place which the Lord your God shall choose out of all your tribes to put his name there, even unto his habitation shall ye seek, and thither thou shalt come: and thither ye shall bring your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and heave offerings of your hand, and your vows, and your freewill offerings, and the firstlings of your herds and of your flocks: and there ye shall eat before the Lord your God, and ye shall rejoice in all that ye put your hand unto, ye and your households, wherein the Lord thy God hath blessed thee.

GRADUAL PSALM: 25:16–22

TURN thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; *for I am desolate and in misery.* Relieve thou the sorrows of my heart: *O bring thou me out of my troubles.* Look upon my adversity and misery, *and forgive me all my sins.* Consider mine enemies, how many they are; *and they bear a tyrannous hate against me.* O keep my soul, and deliver me; *let me not be confounded, for I have put my trust in thee.* Let perfectness and righteous dealing preserve me; *for my hope is in thee.* Deliver Israel, O God, *out of all his troubles.*

EPISTLE: *Ephesians* 5:1–14

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Ephesians.

E ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour. But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named amongst you, as becometh saints; neither filthiness, nor foolishtalking, nor jesting, which are not befitting; but rather giving of thanks: for this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ, and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Be not ye therefore partakers with them: for ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light; (for the fruit of the light is in all goodness, and righteousness, and truth;) proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them: for it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret. But all things that are reprov-

are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light. Therefore it is said, Awake, thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, And Christ shall give thee light.

GOSPEL: *Luke* 11:14–26

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Luke.

JESUS was casting out a devil, and it was dumb; and it came to pass, when the devil was gone out, the dumb spake; and the people wondered. But some of them said, He casteth out devils through Beelzebul, the prince of the devils; and others, tempting him, sought of him a sign from heaven. But he, knowing their thoughts, said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and a house divided against itself falleth; if Satan also be divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? because ye say that I cast out devils through Beelzebul; and if I cast out devils by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? therefore shall they be your judges. But if I cast out devils by the finger of God, no doubt the kingdom of God hath come upon you. When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace; but when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth the spoils. He that is not with me is against me: and he that gathereth not with me scattereth. When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out; and when he cometh, he findeth it swept and garnished; then goeth he and taketh to him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in, and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first.

Lent 4

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

INTROIT PSALM: 122



WAS glad when they said unto me,
'*We will go unto the house of the LORD.*'

Behold, our feet now stand *within thy gates, O Jerusalem.* Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity in itself; Whither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the LORD, *as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the LORD.* For there were set the thrones for judgement, *even the thrones of the house of David.* O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *may they prosper that love thee.* Peace be within thy walls, and *plenteousness within thy palaces.* For my brethren and companions' sakes, *I will wish thee prosperity.* Yea, because of the house of the LORD our God, *I will seek to do thee good.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* I Was glad when they said unto me, '*We will go unto the house of the LORD.*'

COLLECTS



RANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

For Lent

LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our

wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: *Deuteronomy 15:1-11*

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.



T the end of every seven years thou shalt make a release. And this is the manner of the release: Every creditor that lendeth ought unto his neighbour shall release it; he shall not exact it of his neighbour, or of his brother; because it is called the Lord's release. Of a foreigner thou mayest exact it again: but that which is thine with thy brother thine hand shall release; save when there shall be no poor among you; for the Lord shall greatly bless thee in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance to possess it: only if thou carefully hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all these commandments which I command thee this day. For the Lord thy God blesseth thee, as he promised thee: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, but thou shalt not borrow; and thou shalt reign over many nations, but they shall not reign over thee.

If there be among you a poor man of one of thy brethren within any of thy gates in thy land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not harden thine heart, nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother: but thou shalt open thine hand wide unto him, and shalt surely lend him sufficient for his need, in that which he wanteth. Beware that there be not a thought in thy wicked heart, saying, The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand; and thine eye be

evil against thy poor brother, and thou givest him nought; and he cry unto the Lord against thee, and it be sin unto thee. Thou shalt surely give him, and thine heart shall not be grieved when thou givest unto him: because that for this thing the Lord thy God shall bless thee in all thy works, and in all that thou puttest thine hand unto. For the poor shall never cease out of the land: therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land.

GRADUAL PSALM: 125

THEY that put their trust in the LORD are even as the mount Sion, *which may not be removed, but standeth fast for ever.* The hills stand about Jerusalem: *even so standeth the LORD round about his people, from this time forth for evermore.* For the sceptre of the ungodly shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous; *lest the righteous put their hand unto wickedness.* Do well, O LORD, unto those that are good, *and unto them that are true of heart.* As for such as turn aside to their own crooked ways, *the LORD shall lead them forth with the evil doers; but peace be upon Israel.*

EPISTLE: *Galatians 4:26–5:1*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Galatians.

JERUSALEM which is above is free; which is the mother of us all. For it is written, Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; Break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: For the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband.

Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was

born after the Spirit; even so it is now. Nevertheless, what saith the Scripture? Cast out the bond-woman and her son; for the son of the bond-woman shall not be heir with the son of the free-woman. So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free. Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free.

GOSPEL: *John 6:5–14*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint John.




WHEN Jesus then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat? And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do. Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little. One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him, There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many? And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would. When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost. Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten. Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.

Passion Sunday


The Fifth Sunday in Lent

INTROIT PSALM: 43


IVE sentence for me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; O *deliver me from the deceitful and wicked man*. For thou art the God of my strength; why hast thou put me from thee? *and why go I so heavily, while the enemy oppresseth me?* O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me, *and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling*; And that I may go unto the altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness; *and upon the harp will I give thanks unto thee, O God, my God*. Why art thou so heavy, O my soul? *and why art thou so disquieted within me?* O put thy trust in God, for I will yet give him thanks, *who is the help of my countenance, and my God*. And that I may go unto the altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness; *and upon the harp will I give thanks unto thee, O God, my God*.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen*. Give sentence for me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; O *deliver me from the deceitful and wicked man*.


COLLECTS

ESEECH thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy people; that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Lent


LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*When these readings are used for Holy Cross Day,
September 14*

LESSED Saviour, who by thy cross and passion hast given life unto the world: Grant that we thy servants may be given grace to take up the cross and follow thee through life and death; whom with the Father and the Holy Spirit we worship and glorify, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

LESSON: Isaiah 1:10–20

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

EAR the word of the Lord, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah. To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the Lord: I am full of

the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats. When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts? Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting. Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them. And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood.

Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: but if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

The following supplemental Lesson shall be used instead of the one above when these readings are used for Holy Cross Day, September 14.

ALTERNATE LESSON: *Numbers 21:4–9*

A reading from the Book of Numbers.



AND they journeyed from mount Hor by the way of the Red sea, to compass the land of Edom: and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way. And the people spake against God, and

against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread. And the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died. Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord, and against thee; pray unto the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live. And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.

GRADUAL PSALM: 143:1–10




HEAR my prayer, O LORD, and consider my desire: *hearken unto me for thy truth and righteousness' sake.* And enter not into judgement with thy servant; *for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.* For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground: *he hath laid me in the darkness, as the men that have been long dead.* Therefore is my spirit vexed within me, *and my heart within me is desolate.* Yet do I remember the time past; I muse upon all thy works: *yea, I meditate upon the works of thy hands.* I spread forth my hands unto thee: *my soul gaspeth unto thee as a thirsty land.* Hear me, O LORD, and that soon, for my spirit waxeth faint: *hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.* O let me hear thy loving-kindness in the morning, for in thee is my trust: *show thou me the way that I should walk in, for I lift up my soul unto thee.* Deliver me, O LORD, from mine enemies; *for I*

flee unto thee to hide me. Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth thee, for thou art my God: let thy loving spirit lead me forth into the land of righteousness.

EPISTLE: *Hebrews 9:11–15*

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

HRIST being come an High Priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands; that is to say, not of this building; neither by the blood of goats and calves; but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling those who are unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh; how much more shall the blood of Christ, who, through the eternal Spirit, offered himself without spot to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this cause he is the Mediator of the new covenant, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first covenant, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

GOSPEL: *Matthew 20:20–28*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint Matthew.*



HEN came to him the mother of Zebedee's children with her sons, worshipping him, and desiring a certain thing of him. And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom. But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able. And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father. And when the ten heard it, they were moved with indignation against the two brethren. But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great, exercise authority upon them. But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; and whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Palm Sunday

The Sunday before Easter

The BCP 1962 only provides Psalm 118, as follows, for the traditional “Liturgy of Palms.” It is customarily supplemented with other elements in this order: 1) Blessing of Palms, 2) Distribution of Palms while Psalm 118:19–29 is sung, 3) the Palm Gospel (provided below as an “alternate” to the Passion), 4) procession while singing “All glory, laud, and honour.” This is followed by the second Introit, Psalm 22, which begins the Passion Liturgy for Palm Sunday.

INTROIT PSALM: 118:19–29



PEN to me the gates of righteousness, that I may go into them and give thanks unto the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD: *the righteous shall enter into it.* I will thank thee, for thou hast heard me, *and art become my salvation.* The same stone which the builders refused *is become the head-stone in the corner.* This is the LORD’s doing, *and it is marvellous in our eyes.* This is the day which the LORD hath made; *we will rejoice and be glad in it.* Help us now, O LORD: O LORD, *send us now prosperity.* Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the LORD: *we bless you from the house of the LORD.* The LORD is God, and he hath given us light: *set in order the procession with branches, yea, even up to the horns of the altar.* Thou art my God, and I will thank thee: *thou art my God, and I will praise thee.* O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is gracious: *for his mercy endureth for ever.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the LORD: *we bless you from the house of the LORD.*

ALTERNATE INTROIT PSALM: 22:1–11



MY God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me, *and art so far from my help, and from the words of my complaint?* O my God, I cry in the day-time, but thou hearest not; *and in the night-season also I take no rest.* And thou continuest holy, O thou worship of Israel. Our fathers trusted in thee; *they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them.* They called upon thee, and were saved; *they put their trust in thee, and were not confounded.* But as for me, I am a worm and no man; *a very scorn of men, and the outcast of the people.* All they that see me laugh me to scorn; *they shoot out their lips, and shake their heads,* Saying, ‘He trusted in God, that he would deliver him; *let him deliver him, if he delighteth in him.*’ But thou art he that took me from the womb; *thou wast my hope, when I hanged yet upon my mother’s breasts.* I have been left unto thee ever since I was born; *thou art my God even from my mother’s womb.* O go not from me, for trouble is hard at hand, *and there is none to help me.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* THE same stone which the builders refused *is become the head-stone in the corner.*

COLLECT



ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: *Isaiah 49:1-9*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.



LORD, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people, from far; The Lord hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name. And he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand hath he hid me, and made me a polished shaft; in his quiver hath he hid me; and said unto me, Thou art my servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified. Then I said, I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nought, and in vain: yet surely my judgment is with the Lord, and my work with my God. And now, saith the Lord that formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, Though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the Lord, and my God shall be my strength. And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth. Thus saith the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel, and his Holy One, to him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nation abhorreth, to a servant of

rulers, Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because of the Lord that is faithful, and the Holy One of Israel, and he shall choose thee.

Thus saith the Lord, In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee: and I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages; that thou mayest say to the prisoners, Go forth; to them that are in darkness, Shew yourselves. They shall feed in the ways, and their pastures shall be in all high places.

GRADUAL PSALM: 22:12-21



MY oxen are come about me; *strong bulls of Bashan close me in on every side.* They gape upon me with their mouths, *as it were a ramping and a roaring lion.* I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; *my heart also in the midst of my body is even like melting wax.* My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaveth to my gums, *and thou bringest me into the dust of death.* For many dogs are come about me, *and the council of the wicked layeth siege against me.* They pierced my hands and my feet; I may count all my bones: *they stand staring and looking upon me.* They part my garments among them, *and cast lots upon my vesture.* But be not thou far from me, O LORD; *thou art my succour, haste thee to help me.* Deliver my soul from the sword, *and my life from the power of the dog.* Save me from the Lion's mouth; *thou hast heard me also from among the horns of the wild oxen.*

EPISTLE: *Philippians 2:5–11*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Philippians.



ET this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, counted it not a prize to be equal to God, but emptied himself, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him the name which is above every name; that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Throughout Holy Week, the Passions have been annotated to facilitate the custom of reading them congregationally. Unmarked text indicates the part of the Evangelist, and is normally read by a Deacon or other minister. *Italic text* indicates the part of an individual character. The part of Jesus is normally read by the Priest. SMALL CAPITALS indicate the words said by the entire assembly.

PASSION: *Matthew 27:1–54*

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Matthew.



HEN the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus, to put him to death. And when they had bound him, they led him away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor. Then Judas who had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again

the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, *I have sinned, in that I have betrayed the innocent blood.* And they said, **WHAT IS THAT TO US? SEE THOU TO THAT.** And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself. And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, **IT IS NOT LAWFUL FOR TO PUT THEM INTO THE TREASURY, BECAUSE IT IS THE PRICE OF BLOOD.** And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day. (Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value, and gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me.)

And Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, saying, *Art thou the King of the Jews?* And Jesus said unto him, *Thou sayest.* And when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing. Then saith Pilate unto him, *Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee?* And he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly. Now at that feast the governor was wont to release unto the people a prisoner, whom they would. And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas. Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, *Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus which is called the Christ?* For he knew that for envy they had delivered him. And while he was sitting on the judgement-seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, *Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him.* But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas,

and destroy Jesus. The governor answered and said unto them, *Which of the two will ye that I release unto you?* They said, BARABBAS. Pilate saith unto them, *What shall I do then with Jesus which is called the Christ?* They all say unto him, LET HIM BE CRUCIFIED. And the governor said, *Why, what evil hath he done?* But they cried out the more, saying, LET HIM BE CRUCIFIED. When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that the tumult increased, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, *I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it.* Then answered all the people, and said, HIS BLOOD BE ON US, AND ON OUR CHILDREN. Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus he delivered him to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band of soldiers. And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe. And when they had platted a crown of thorns they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, HAIL, KING OF THE JEWS. And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head. And after that they had mocked him they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him.

And as they came out they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; him they compelled to bear his cross. And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull, they gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink. And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots. And sitting down they watched him there; and set up over his head his accusation written, This is Jesus the King of the Jews. Then were

there two thieves crucified with him; one on the right hand, and another on the left. And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads, and saying, THOU THAT DESTROYEST THE TEMPLE, AND BUILDEST IT IN THREE DAYS, SAVE THYSELF: IF THOU BE THE SON OF GOD, COME DOWN FROM THE CROSS. Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said, HE SAVED OTHERS, HIMSELF HE CANNOT SAVE: IF HE BE THE KING OF ISRAEL, LET HIM NOW COME DOWN FROM THE CROSS, AND WE WILL BELIEVE HIM. HE TRUSTED IN GOD; LET HIM DELIVER HIM NOW, IF HE WILL HAVE HIM: FOR HE SAID, I AM THE SON OF GOD. The thieves also, which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth.

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, *Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?* that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? Some of them that stood there, when they heard that, said, THIS MAN CALLETH FOR ELIJAH. And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink. The rest said, LET BE, LET US SEE WHETHER ELIJAH WILL COME TO SAVE HIM. Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, gave up the spirit. And behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom, and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent, and the graves were opened, and many bodies of saints which slept arose, and came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many. Now when the centurion and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, *Truly this was the Son of God.*

The alternate Gospel provided here is intended especially for the Liturgy of Palms.

ALTERNATE GOSPEL: *Matthew 21:1–11*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint Matthew.*



AND when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me. And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them. All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the

prophet, saying, Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.

And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them, and brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way. And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest. And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this? And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.

Holy Monday

Monday in Holy Week

INTROIT PSALM: 35:1-3

LEAD thou my cause, O LORD, with them that strive with me, *and fight thou against them that fight against me.* Lay hand upon the shield and buckler, *and stand up to help me.* Bring forth the spear and stop the way against them that pursue me: *say unto my soul, 'I am thy salvation.'*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* Bring forth the spear and stop the way against them that pursue me: *say unto my soul, 'I am thy salvation.'*

COLLECT

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In services with only two readings, use the Lesson rather than the Epistle.

LESSON: *Isaiah 63:7-9*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

WILL mention the lovingkindnesses of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his lovingkindnesses. For he said, Surely they are my people, children that will not lie: so he was their Saviour. In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old.

GRADUAL PSALM: 79:8-10

REMEMBER not against us the offences of our forefathers, but have mercy upon us, and that soon; *for we are come to great misery.* Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy Name; *O deliver us, and be merciful unto our sins, for thy Name's sake.* Wherefore should the nations say, *'Where is now their God?'*

EPISTLE: *Galatians 6:1-9*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Galatians.

BRETHREN, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. For if a man think himself

to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. For every man shall bear his own burden. Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things. Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

PASSION: *Mark 14*

*The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint Mark.*



AFTER two days was the feast of the passover, and of unleavened bread: and the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take him by craft, and put him to death. But they said, NOT ON THE FEAST-DAY, LEST THERE BE AN UPROAR OF THE PEOPLE.

And being in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard, very precious; and she brake the box, and poured it on his head. And there were some that had indignation within themselves, and said, WHY WAS THIS WASTE OF THE OINTMENT MADE? FOR IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN SOLD FOR MORE THAN THREE HUNDRED PIECES OF SILVER, AND HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO THE POOR: and they murmured against her. And Jesus said, *Let her alone; why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good work on me: for ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good; but me ye have not always. She hath done what she could; she is come aforehand to anoint my body*

to the burying. Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this Gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.

And Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went unto the chief priests to betray him unto them. And when they heard it they were glad, and promised to give him money. And he sought how he might conveniently betray him.

And the first day of unleavened bread, when they killed the passover, his disciples said unto him, WHERE WILT THOU THAT WE GO AND PREPARE, THAT THOU MAYEST EAT THE PASSOVER? And he sendeth forth two of his disciples, and saith unto them, *Go ye into the city, and there shall meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water; follow him: and wheresoever he shall go in, say ye to the good-man of the house, The Master saith, Where is the guest-chamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples? And he will show you a large upper room furnished and prepared: there make ready for us.* And his disciples went forth, and came into the city, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover.

And in the evening he cometh with the twelve. And as they sat, and did eat, Jesus said, *Verily I say unto you, One of you which eateth with me shall betray me.* And they began to be sorrowful, and to say unto him one by one, IS IT I? and another said, IS IT I? And he answered and said unto them, *It is one of the twelve that dippeth with me in the dish. The Son of man indeed goeth, as it is written of him: but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed: good were it for that man if he had never been born.* And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, *Take, eat: this is my body.* And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them: and they all drank of it. And he said unto them, *This is my blood of the*

covenant, which is shed for many. Verily I say unto you, I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day that I drink it new in the kingdom of God. And when they had sung an hymn they went out into the mount of Olives.

And Jesus saith unto them, *All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered. But, after that I am risen, I will go before you into Galilee.* But Peter said unto him, *Although all shall be offended, yet will not I.* And Jesus saith unto him, *Verily I say unto thee, That this day, even in this night, before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice.* But he spake the more vehemently, *If I should die with thee, I will not deny thee in any wise.* Likewise also said they all. And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane: and he saith to his disciples, *Sit ye here, while I shall pray.* And he taketh with him Peter and James and John, and began to be sore amazed, and to be very heavy, and saith unto them, *My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death; tarry ye here, and watch.* And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. And he said, *Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what thou wilt.* And he cometh and findeth them sleeping, and saith unto Peter, *Simon, sleepest thou? couldst not thou watch one hour? Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation: the spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak.* And again he went away, and prayed, and spake the same words. And when he returned he found them asleep again, (for their eyes were heavy,) neither wist they what to answer him. And he cometh the third time, and saith unto them, *Sleep on now, and take your rest: it is enough, the hour is come; behold, the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise up, let us go; lo, he that betrayeth me is at hand.*

And immediately, while he yet spake, cometh Judas, one of the twelve, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. And he that betrayed him had given them a token, saying, *Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he; take him, and lead him away safely.* And as soon as he was come he goeth straightway to him, and saith, *Master, master;* and kissed him. And they laid their hands on him, and took him. And one of them that stood by drew a sword, and smote a servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear. And Jesus answered, and said unto them, *Are ye come out as against a thief, with swords and with staves, to take me? I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and ye took me not: but the Scriptures must be fulfilled.* And they all forsook him, and fled. And there followed him a certain young man, having a linen cloth cast about his naked body; and the young men laid hold on him: and he left the linen cloth, and fled from them naked.

And they led Jesus away to the high priest: and with him were assembled all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes. And Peter followed him afar off, even into the palace of the high priest; and he sat with the servants, and warmed himself at the fire. And the chief priests and all the council sought for witness against Jesus to put him to death; and found none. For many bare false witness against him, but their witness agreed not together. And there arose certain, and bare false witness against him, saying, **WE HEARD HIM SAY, I WILL DESTROY THIS TEMPLE THAT IS MADE WITH HANDS, AND WITHIN THREE DAYS I WILL BUILD ANOTHER MADE WITHOUT HANDS.** But neither so did their witness agree together. And the high priest stood up in the midst, and asked Jesus, saying, *Answerest thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee?* But he held his

peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, *Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?* And Jesus said, *I am; and ye shall see the Son of Man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.* Then the high priest rent his clothes, and saith, *What need we any further witnesses? ye have heard the blasphemy: what think ye?* And they all condemned him to be worthy of death. And some began to spit on him, and to cover his face, and to buffet him, and to say unto him, *PROPHECY:* and the servants did strike him with the palms of their hands.

And as Peter was beneath in the palace there cometh one of the maids of the high priest; and when she saw Peter warming him-

self she looked upon him, and said, *And thou also wast with Jesus of Nazareth.* But he denied, saying, *I know not, neither understand I what thou sayest.* And he went out into the porch. And a maid saw him again, and began to say to them that stood by, *This is one of them.* And he denied it again. And a little after, they that stood by said again to Peter, *SURELY THOU ART ONE OF THEM; FOR THOU ART A GALILAEAN.* But he began to curse and to swear, saying, *I know not this man of whom ye speak.* And immediately the second time the cock crew. And Peter called to mind the word that Jesus said unto him, *Before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice.* And when he thought thereon, he wept.

Holy Tuesday

Tuesday in Holy Week

INTROIT PSALM: 69:17–22

HEAR me, O LORD, for thy loving-kindness is comfortable: *turn thee unto me according to the multitude of thy mercies.* And hide not thy face from thy servant; *for I am in trouble: O haste thee, and hear me.* Draw nigh unto my soul, and save it: *O deliver me, because of mine enemies.* Thou knowest my reproach, my shame, and my dishonour: *mine adversaries are all in thy sight.* Reproach hath broken my heart, and I am full of heaviness: *I looked for some to have pity on me, but there was no man, neither found I any to comfort me.* They gave me gall to eat; *and when I was thirsty they gave me vinegar to drink.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* Hide not thy face from thy servant; *for I am in trouble: O haste thee, and hear me.*

COLLECT

ALmighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In services with only two readings, use the Lesson rather than the Epistle.

LESSON: *Isaiah 50:5–9*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

THE Lord God hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back. I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting. For the Lord God will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed. He is near that justifieth me; who will contend with me? let us stand together: who is mine adversary? let him come near to me. Behold, the Lord God will help me; who is he that shall condemn me?

GRADUAL PSALM: 35:11–16

FALSE witnesses did rise up; *they laid to my charge things that I knew not.* They rewarded me evil for good, *to the great discomfort of my soul.* Nevertheless, when they were sick, I put on sackcloth, and humbled my soul with fasting; *and my prayer shall return into mine own bosom.* I behaved myself as though it had been my friend or my brother; *I went heavily, as one that mourneth for his mother.* But when I stumbled they rejoiced and gathered themselves together; *yea, the very abjects and those whom I knew not came together against me, and slandered me without ceasing.* Like ungodly men they mocked continually, *and gnashed upon me with their teeth.*

EPISTLE: *Romans 5:6–11*

*A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the
Apostle to the Romans.*



WHEN we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

PASSION: *Mark 15:1–39*

*The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint Mark.*



AND straightway in the morning the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council, and bound Jesus, and carried him away, and delivered him to Pilate. And Pilate asked him, *Art thou the King of the Jews?* And he answering said unto him, *Thou sayest it.* And the chief priests accused him of many things. And Pilate asked him again, saying, *Answerest thou nothing? behold how many things they witness against thee.* But Jesus yet answered nothing: so that Pilate marvelled. Now at that feast he released unto them one prisoner, whomsoever they desired. And there was one named Barabbas, which lay bound with them that had made insurrection with him, who had committed murder in the insurrection. And the multitude, crying aloud, began to desire him

to do as he had ever done unto them. But Pilate answered them, saying, *Will ye that I release unto you the King of the Jews?* For he knew that the chief priests had delivered him for envy. But the chief priests moved the people, that he should rather release Barabbas unto them. And Pilate answered, and said again unto them, *What will ye then that I shall do unto him whom ye call the King of the Jews?* And they cried out again, **CRUCIFY HIM.** Then Pilate said unto them, *Why, what evil hath he done?* And they cried out the more exceedingly, **CRUCIFY HIM.** And so Pilate, willing to content the people, released Barabbas unto them, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged him, to be crucified.

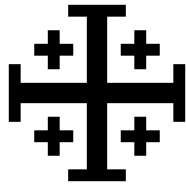
And the soldiers led him away into the hall, called Praetorium; and they call together the whole band. And they clothed him with purple, and platted a crown of thorns, and put it about his head: and began to salute him, **HAIL, KING OF THE JEWS.** And they smote him on the head with a reed, and did spit upon him, and bowing their knees worshipped him. And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple from him, and put his own clothes on him, and led him out to crucify him.

And they compel one Simon a Cyrenian, who passed by, coming out of the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to bear his cross. And they bring him unto the place Golgotha, which is, being interpreted, The place of a skull. And they gave him to drink wine mingled with myrrh; but he received it not. And when they had crucified him they parted his garments, casting lots upon them, what every man should take. And it was the third hour, and they crucified him. And the superscription of his accusation was written over, The King of the Jews. And with him they crucify two thieves, the one on his right hand, and

the other on his left. And they that passed by railed on him, wagging their heads, and saying, AH, THOU THAT DESTROYEST THE TEMPLE, AND BUILDEST IT IN THREE DAYS, SAVE THYSELF, AND COME DOWN FROM THE CROSS. Likewise also the chief priests mocking said among themselves, with the scribes, HE SAVED OTHERS; HIMSELF HE CANNOT SAVE. LET THE CHRIST, THE KING OF ISRAEL, DESCEND NOW FROM THE CROSS, THAT WE MAY SEE AND BELIEVE. And they that were crucified with him reviled him.

And when the sixth hour was come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, *Eloi, Eloi, lama*

sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? And some of them that stood by, when they heard it, said, BEHOLD, HE CALLETH ELIJAH. And one ran and filled a sponge full of vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink, saying, LET ALONE; LET US SEE WHETHER ELIJAH WILL COME TO TAKE HIM DOWN. And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the spirit. And the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom. And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the spirit, he said, *Truly this man was the Son of God.*



Holy Wednesday

Wednesday in Holy Week

INTROIT PSALM: 102:1–11



HEAR my prayer, O LORD, *and let my crying come unto thee.* Hide not thy face from me in the time of my trouble: *incline thine ear unto me; O hear me when I call, and that right soon.* For my days consume away like smoke, *and my bones are burnt up as it were a fire-brand.* My heart is smitten down, and withered like grass; *for I forget to eat my bread.* For the voice of my groaning, *my bones cleave to my flesh.* I am become like a pelican in the wilderness, *and like an owl that is in the desert.* I watch, and am even as it were a sparrow, *that sitteth alone upon the house-top.* Mine enemies revile me all the day long; *and they that are mad against me use my name as a curse.* For I have eaten ashes as it were bread, *and mingled my drink with weeping;* And that because of thine indignation and wrath; *for thou hast taken me up and cast me down.* My days are gone like a shadow; *and I am withered like grass.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* Hear my prayer, O LORD, *and let my crying come unto thee.*

COLLECT



ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience,

and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: *Isaiah 53:4–7*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.



SURELY he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

GRADUAL PSALM: 55:12–15



FOR it is not an open enemy, that hath done me this dishonour; *for then I could have borne it;* Neither was it mine adversary, that did magnify himself against me; *for then I would have hid myself from him.* But it was even thou, my companion, my guide, *and mine own familiar friend.* We took sweet counsel together, *and walked in the house of God as friends.*

EPISTLE: *Hebrews 9:15–28*

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.



HEREFORE Christ is the Mediator of the new covenant, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions which were under the first covenant, they which are called might receive the promise of an eternal inheritance. For where a covenant or testament is, there must also, of necessity, be the death of the testator; for a testament is of force after men are dead; it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth. And therefore the first testament also was dedicated with blood; for when Moses had spoken every commandment to all the people, according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book and all the people, saying, This is the blood of the covenant or testament, which God hath commanded you. Moreover, he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry. And according to the law, almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness. It was necessary therefore that these symbols of heavenly things should be purified thus; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices; for Christ hath not entered into holy places made with hands, which are only figures of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us. Nor need he offer himself many times like the high priest who entereth into the holy place every year with blood that is not his own: for then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world; but now, once for all, at the end of time, he hath appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgement: so Christ was once offered to bear

the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time apart from sin unto salvation.

PASSION: *Luke 22*

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Luke.



NOW the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover. And the chief priests and scribes sought how they might kill him; for they feared the people. Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve. And he went his way, and communed with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray him unto them. And they were glad, and covenanted to give him money. And he promised, and sought opportunity to betray him unto them in the absence of the multitude.

Then came the day of unleavened bread, when the passover must be killed. And he sent Peter and John, saying, *Go and prepare us the passover, that we may eat.* And they said unto him, *Where wilt thou that we prepare?* And he said unto them, *Behold, when ye are entered into the city, there shall a man meet you, bearing a pitcher of water; follow him into the house where he entereth in. And ye shall say unto the good-man of the house, The Master saith unto thee, Where is the guest-chamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples?* And he shall show you a large upper room furnished; there make ready. And they went, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover.

And when the hour was come he sat down, and the twelve Apostles with him. And he said unto them, *With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer: for I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God.* And he took the cup,

and gave thanks, and said, *Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come.* And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, *This is my body, which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.* Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, *This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is shed for you. But behold, the hand of him that betrayeth me is with me on the table. And truly the Son of man goeth as it was determined; but woe unto that man by whom he is betrayed.* And they began to inquire among themselves, which of them it was that should do this thing. And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest. And he said unto them, *The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called Benefactors. But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve. For which is the greater, he that sitteth at the table, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at the table? but I am among you as he that serveth. Ye are they that have continued with me in my temptations. And I make a covenant with you, as my Father hath made a covenant with me, even a kingdom; that ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.*

And the Lord said, *Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: but I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not; and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.* And he said unto him, *Lord, I am ready to go with thee both into prison and to death.* And he said, *I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me.* And he said unto them, *When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye any thing?* And they said, *NOTHING.* Then

said he unto them, *But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one. For I say unto you, That this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, And he was reckoned among the transgressors: for the things concerning me have an end.* And they said, *Lord, behold, here are two swords.* And he said unto them, *It is enough.* And he came out, and went, as he was wont, to the mount of Olives, and his disciples also followed him.

And when he was at the place, he said unto them, *Pray, that ye enter not into temptation.* And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down and prayed, saying, *Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless, not my will, but thine be done.* And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him. And being in an agony, he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground. And when he rose up from prayer, and was come to his disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow, and said unto them, *Why sleep ye? rise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation.* And while he yet spake, behold, a multitude, and he that was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them, and drew near unto Jesus to kiss him. But Jesus said unto him, *Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss?* When they who were about him saw what would follow, they said unto him, *LORD, SHALL WE SMITE WITH THE SWORD?* And one of them smote the servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear. And Jesus answered and said, *Suffer ye thus far.* And he touched his ear, and healed him. Then Jesus said unto the chief priests, and captains of the temple, and the elders who were come to him, *Be ye come out as against a thief, with swords and staves? When I was daily with you in the temple, ye stretched forth*

no hands against me: but this is your hour, and the power of darkness.

Then took they him, and led him, and brought him into the high priest's house: and Peter followed afar off. And when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the hall, and were set down together, Peter sat down among them. But a certain maid beheld him, as he sat by the fire, and earnestly looked upon him, and said, *This man was also with him.* And he denied it, saying, *Woman, I know him not.* And after a little while another saw him, and said, *Thou art also of them.* And Peter said, *Man, I am not.* And about the space of one hour after, another confidently affirmed, saying, *Of a truth this fellow also was with him; for he is a Galilaeen.* And Peter said, *Man, I know not what thou sayest. And immediately, while he yet spake, the cock crew.* And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter; and Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said unto him, *Before the cock crew, thou*

shalt deny me thrice. And Peter went out, and wept bitterly.

And the men that held Jesus mocked him, and smote him. And when they had blindfolded him, they struck him on the face, and asked him, saying, **PROPHECY, WHO IS IT THAT SMOTE THEE?** And many other things blasphemously spake they against him. And as soon as it was day, the elders of the people and the chief priests and the scribes came together, and led him into their council, saying, **ART THOU THE CHRIST? TELL US.** And he said unto them, *If I tell you, ye will not believe: and if I also ask you, ye will not answer me, nor let me go. Hereafter shall the Son of Man sit on the right hand of the power of God.* Then said they all, **ART THOU THEN THE SON OF GOD?** And he said unto them, *Ye say that I am.* And they said, **WHAT NEED WE ANY FURTHER WITNESS? FOR WE OURSELVES HAVE HEARD OF HIS OWN MOUTH.**

Maundy Thursday

Thursday in Holy Week

INTROIT PSALM: 67



GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us, *and show us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us; That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. Let the people praise thee, O God; yea, let all the people praise thee. O let the nations rejoice and be glad; for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Let the people praise thee, O God; yea, let all the people praise thee. The earth hath brought forth her increase; and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing. God shall bless us; and all the ends of the world shall fear him.*

COLLECTS



ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



GOD, who in a wonderful sacrament hast left unto us a memorial of thy passion: Grant us so to reverence the holy mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may ever know within ourselves the fruit of thy redemption; who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

LESSON: *Exodus 24:3-11*

A reading from the Book of Exodus.



MOSES came and told the people all the words of the Lord, and all the judgments: and all the people answered with one voice, and said, All the words which the Lord hath said will we do. And Moses wrote all the words of the Lord, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar under the hill, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. And he sent young men of the children of Israel, which offered burnt offerings, and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen unto the Lord. And Moses took half of the blood, and put it in basons; and half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar. And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the Lord hath said will we do, and be obedient. And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the Lord hath made with you concerning all these words.

Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel: and they saw the God of Israel: and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness. And upon the nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his hand: also they saw God, and did eat and drink.

GRADUAL PSALM: 22:22–26

L WILL declare thy Name unto my brethren; in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee. O praise the LORD, ye that fear him: magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob, and stand in awe of him, all ye seed of Israel. For he hath not despised nor abhorred the low estate of the poor; he hath not hid his face from him; but when he called unto him he heard him. Of thee cometh my praise in the great congregation; my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him. The poor shall eat and be satisfied; they that seek after the LORD shall praise him; may your heart live for ever.

EPISTLE: I Corinthians II:23–29

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians.

L HAVE received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come. Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

PASSION: Luke 23:1–49

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Luke.

HE whole multitude of them arose, and led him unto Pilate. And they began to accuse him, saying, WE FOUND THIS FELLOW PERVERTING THE NATION, AND FORBIDDING TO GIVE TRIBUTE TO CAESAR, SAYING, THAT HE HIMSELF IS CHRIST A KING. And Pilate asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And he answered him, and said, Thou sayest it. Then said Pilate to the chief priests and to the people, I find no fault in this man. And they were the more fierce, saying, HE STIRRETH UP THE PEOPLE, TEACHING THROUGHOUT ALL JEWRY, BEGINNING FROM GALILEE TO THIS PLACE. When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked whether the man were a Galilaean. And as soon as he knew that he belonged unto Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who himself was also at Jerusalem at that time.

And when Herod saw Jesus he was exceeding glad; for he was desirous to see him of a long season, because he had heard many things of him; and he hoped to have seen some miracle done by him. Then he questioned with him in many words; but he answered him nothing. And the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused him. And Herod with his men of war set him at nought, and mocked him, and arrayed him in a gorgeous robe, and sent him again to Pilate. And the same day Pilate and Herod were made friends together; for before they were at enmity between themselves.

And Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, said unto them, Ye have brought this man unto me, as one that perverteth the people: and behold, I, having examined him before you, have found no fault in this man touching those things

whereof ye accuse him. Neither hath Herod: for he sent him back to us. Behold, nothing worthy of death hath been done by him. I will therefore chastise him, and release him. And they cried out all together, saying, AWAY WITH THIS MAN, AND RELEASE UNTO US BARABBAS: (who for a certain sedition made in the city, and for murder, was cast into prison.) Pilate therefore, willing to release Jesus, spake again to them. But they cried, saying, CRUCIFY HIM, CRUCIFY HIM. And he said unto them the third time, *Why, what evil hath he done? I have found no cause of death in him: I will therefore chastise him, and let him go.* And they were instant with loud voices, requiring that he might be crucified; and their voices prevailed. And Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they required. And he released unto them him that for sedition and murder was cast into prison, whom they had desired; but he delivered Jesus to their will.

And as they led him away, they laid hold upon one Simon a Cyrenian, coming out of the country, and on him they laid the cross, that he might bear it after Jesus. And there followed him a great company of people, and of women, which also bewailed and lamented him. But Jesus, turning unto them, said, *Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children. For behold, the days are coming, in the which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the breasts which never gave suck. Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us. For if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry?* And there were also two others, malefactors, led with him to be put to death.

And when they were come to the place which is called Calvary, there they crucified

him; and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left. Then said Jesus, *Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.* And they parted his raiment, and cast lots. And the people stood beholding; and the rulers also with them derided him, saying, HE SAVED OTHERS; LET HIM SAVE HIMSELF, IF HE BE THE CHRIST, THE CHOSEN ONE OF GOD. And the soldiers also mocked him, coming to him, and offering him vinegar, and saying, IF THOU BE THE KING OF THE JEWS, SAVE THYSELF. And a superscription also was written over him in letters of Greek. and Latin, and Hebrew, This is the King of the Jews. And one of the malefactors, which were hanged, railed on him, saying, *If thou be the Christ, save thyself and us.* But the other answering rebuked him, saying, *Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this man hath done nothing amiss.* And he said, *Jesus, remember me when thou comest in thy kingdom.* And Jesus said unto him, *Verily I say unto thee, To-day shalt thou be with me in paradise.* And it was about the sixth hour: and there was a darkness over all the land until the ninth hour, the sun's light failing; and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst. And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, *Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit:* and having said thus, he gave up the spirit. Now when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, *Certainly this was a righteous man.* And all the people that came together to that sight, beholding the things that were done, smote their breasts and returned. And all his acquaintance, and the women that followed him from Galilee, stood afar off, beholding these things.

Liturgy of the Garden

The 1962 BCP does not provide directions for the customary Liturgy of the Garden, which is observed as follows: 1) omission of the Blessing at the end of the Maundy Thursday Communion service, 2) procession to an “Altar of Repose” while psalms and hymns are sung, and where the Blessed Sacrament will be reserved if Communion is to be received on Good Friday, 3) the stripping of the altar while the Ministers keep vigil at the Altar of Repose and psalms continue to be sung, 4) the reading of the Betrayal Gospel (see below), 5) a sharp noise representing the moment of Jesus’ betrayal, and 6) a vigil throughout the night at the Altar of Repose.

BETRAYAL GOSPEL: *Matthew 26:30–46*



AND when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives. Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad. But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee. Peter answered and said unto him, Though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended. Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. Peter said unto him, Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee. Likewise also said all the disciples.

Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder. And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me. And he went a little

further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.

And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done. And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy. And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me.

Good Friday

Friday in Holy Week

The 1962 BCP does not appoint an Introit Psalm for Good Friday, perhaps with the intention that the Ministers enter in silence. However, these Anthems are appointed for use at Morning Prayer, and may be used as an Introit if Matins has not already been said.

INTROIT PSALM: *Good Friday Anthems*

REHOLD the Lamb of God, *which taketh away the sin of the world.* He was wounded for our transgressions, *he was bruised for our iniquities:* The chastisement of our peace was upon him *and with his stripes we are healed.* Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, *and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.* Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, *and honour, and glory, and blessing.*

COLLECTS

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers, which

we offer before thee for all estates of men in thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

LESSON: *Exodus 12:1–6, 12–14*

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

AND the Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you.

Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house: and if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats: and ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.

For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the Lord. And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy

you, when I smite the land of Egypt. And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the Lord throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.

GRADUAL PSALM: 54



AVE me, O God, for thy Name's sake, and *avenge me in thy strength*. Hear my prayer, O God, and *hearken unto the words of my mouth*. For strangers are risen up against me; and *tyrants, who have not God before their eyes, seek after my soul*. Behold, God is my helper: *the Lord is he that upholdeth my soul*. He shall reward evil unto mine enemies: *destroy thou them in thy truth*. A free-will offering will I give to thee, and *praise thy Name, O LORD, because it is so comfortable*. For he hath delivered me out of all my trouble; and *mine eye hath seen its desire upon mine enemies*.

EPISTLE: *Hebrews 10:1–25*

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.



HE law of Moses, having as it were a shadow of good things which were to come, but not the very image of those things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered continually, year by year, make the comers thereunto perfect; for then would they not have ceased to be offered? since the worshippers, once they had been purified, should have had no more consciousness of sins. But in those sacrifices a remembrance of sins is made over again every year. For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. Wherefore, when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, But a body hast thou prepared me: In burnt-offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure: Then said I, Lo, I come (In the volume of the book it is written of me) To do thy will, O God. Above

when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt-offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein, (which are offered according to the law;) then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God: he taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. By the which will we are sanctified, through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. And every priest standeth daily in his ministry offering many times those same sacrifices which can never take away sins; but this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from henceforth till his enemies be made his footstool. For by one single offering he hath perfected for ever those who are sanctified; whereof the Holy Spirit also is a witness to us. For after saying, This is the covenant that I will make with them After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, And in their minds will I write them; then saith he, And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin. Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; and having an High Priest over the house of God: let us draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) and let us consider one another to provoke unto love, and to good works; not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

PASSION: *John 18:33–19:37*

*The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint John.*

WHEN Pilate entered into the judgement-hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, *Art thou the King of the Jews?* Jesus answered him, *Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me?* Pilate answered, *Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me: what hast thou done?* Jesus answered, *My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now my kingdom is not from hence.* Pilate therefore said unto him, *Art thou a king then?* Jesus answered, *Thou sayest that I am a king: to this end was I born and came into the world, that I should witness to the truth: every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.* Pilate saith unto him, *What is truth?*

And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, *I find in him no fault at all; but ye have a custom, that I should release unto you one at the passover: will ye therefore that I release unto you the King of the Jews?* Then cried they all again, saying, **NOT THIS MAN, BUT BARABBAS.** Now Barabbas was a robber.

Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him. And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and they put on him a purple robe, and came unto him, and said, **HAIL, KING OF THE JEWS:** and they smote him with their hands. Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, *Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him.* Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, *Behold the man!* When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, **CRUCIFY**

HIM, CRUCIFY HIM. Pilate saith unto them, *Take ye him, and crucify him: for I find no fault in him.* The Jews answered him, **WE HAVE A LAW, AND BY OUR LAW HE OUGHT TO DIE, BECAUSE HE MADE HIMSELF THE SON OF GOD.** When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid; and went again into the judgement-hall, and saith into Jesus, *Whence art thou?* But Jesus gave him no answer. Then saith Pilate unto him, *Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee?* Jesus answered, *Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin.* And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, **IF THOU LET THIS MAN GO, THOU ART NOT CAESAR'S FRIEND: WHOSOEVER MAKETH HIMSELF A KING SPEAKETH AGAINST CAESAR.** When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgement-seat, in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, *Behold your King!* But they cried out, **AWAY WITH HIM, AWAY WITH HIM, CRUCIFY HIM.** Pilate saith unto them, *Shall I crucify your King?* The chief priests answered, **WE HAVE NO KING BUT CAESAR.** Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified: and they took Jesus, and led him away.

And he, bearing his cross, went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew, Golgotha: where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst. And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross; and the writing was, **Jesus of Nazareth the King of the Jews.** This title then read many of the Jews: for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hebrew, and

Greek, and Latin. Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, WRITE NOT, THE KING OF THE JEWS; BUT THAT HE SAID, I AM THE KING OF THE JEWS. Pilate answered, *What I have written, I have written.* Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also his coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. They said therefore among themselves, LET US NOT REND IT, BUT CAST LOTS FOR IT, WHOSE IT SHALL BE: that the Scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, And for my vesture they did cast lots.

These things therefore the soldiers did. Now there stood by the cross of Jesus, his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, *Woman, behold thy son.* Then saith he to the disciple, *Behold thy mother.* And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home. After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, saith, *I thirst.* Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth. When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, *It is finished:* and he bowed his head, and gave up his spirit.

The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. The soldiers, therefore, came and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs. But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. And he that saw it bore witness, and his witness is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken. And again another Scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced.

Although the Prayer Book itself does nothing to suggest that the Good Friday Communion Service is ritually different than Communion Services on other days, common contemporary practice, following the Sarum Missal, typically follows the Liturgy of the Word with one, some, or all of the following elements: 1) the Solemn Intercession, 2) the Veneration of the Cross accompanied by the "Reproaches" chant and antiphons, and 3) Pre-Sanctified Holy Communion.

Easter Even

or Holy Saturday

INTROIT PSALM: 42:1-7



LIKE as the hart desireth the water-brooks, *so longeth my soul after thee, O God. My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God: when shall I come to appear before the presence of God? My tears have been my food day and night, while all day long they say unto me, 'Where is now thy God?' These things will I remember as I pour out my soul within me: how I went with the multitude, and brought them forth into the house of God, With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, a multitude keeping holy-day. Why art thou so full of heaviness, O my soul? and why art thou so disquieted within me? O put thy trust in God, for I will yet give him thanks, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.*

COLLECT



RANT, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of thy blessed Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, so by continual mortifying our corrupt affections we may be buried with him; and that, through the grave, and gate of death, we may pass to our joyful resurrection; for his merits, who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: Exodus 14:19-22

A reading from the Book of Exodus.



AND the angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them: and it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel;

and it was a cloud and darkness to them, but it gave light by night to these: so that the one came not near the other all the night. And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

GRADUAL PSALM: 42:8-14



Y soul is vexed within me; therefore will I remember thee *from the land of Jordan, from Hermon, and the Little Hill. One deep calleth another, because of the noise of thy torrents; all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me. The LORD will grant his loving-kindness in the day-time; and in the night-season will I sing of him, and make my prayer unto the God of my life. I will say unto God my rock, 'Why hast thou forgotten me? why go I thus heavily, while the enemy oppresseth me?' My bones are smitten asunder, while mine enemies reproach me, while they say daily unto me, 'Where is now thy God?' Why art thou so vexed, O my soul? and why art thou so disquieted within me? O put thy trust in God, for I will yet give him thanks, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.*

EPISTLE: 1 Peter 3:17-22

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Peter.



T is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well-doing, than for evil-doing. For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in

the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: by which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; which sometime were disobedient, when once the long-suffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared; wherein few, that is, eight souls, were saved by water. The like figure whereunto, even baptism, doth also now save us, (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience towards God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ: who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

GOSPEL: *Matthew 27:57–66*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint Matthew.*



WHEN the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple. He went to Pilate, and begged the

body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock; and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed. And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre. Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again. Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first. Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch; go your way, make it as sure as you can. So they went and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.

Concerning the Easter Vigil

In ancient times, the Easter Vigil was the most important paschal liturgy. Beginning after dark on the evening of Holy Saturday, it was structured around four key elements: 1) the blessing of the New Fire and the Paschal Candle with the Paschal Proclamation *Exsultet jam angelica*; 2) Old Testament readings with responsary tracts and collects; 3) Holy Baptism; and 4) the first Mass of Easter. In medieval England, the Vigil was celebrated earlier in the day on Saturday. Sarum liturgical books say that the Vigil is to begin in the mid-afternoon after the office of the Ninth Hour, but it was usually celebrated in the morning, due to the practice of anticipating Holy Week services a half-day ahead. (This is also the practice to this day in the Eastern Orthodox Church, which celebrates Paschal baptisms on Holy Saturday morning.) At the English Reformation, the Easter Vigil was abolished, and the Epistle and Gospel for Easter Even were provided instead. The Easter Even readings have a baptismal character because of their background in the Easter Vigil.

The four Old Testament readings at the Easter Vigil, each with a tract, were these: Genesis 1:1–2:2, with the Song of the Three; Exodus 14:24–15:1, with the Song of Moses (Exodus 15); Isaiah 4, with the Song of the Vineyard (Isaiah 5:1–2, 7); Deuteronomy 31:22–30, with “Give ear, O heavens” (Deuteronomy 32:1–4).

Easter Day (I)

At the First Service on Easter Day, or at an Easter Vigil

INTROIT PSALM: 139:1-5, 17-18



LLELUIA! O praise the LORD, laud ye the Name of the LORD; *praise it, O ye servants of the LORD, Ye that stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God. O praise the LORD, for the LORD is gracious: O sing praises unto his Name, for it is lovely. For why? the LORD hath chosen Jacob unto himself, and Israel for his own possession. For I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods. How dear are thy counsels unto me, O God! O how great is the sum of them! If I count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I wake up, I am present with thee.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. How dear are thy counsels unto me, O God! O how great is the sum of them! Alleluia!*

The following Anthems, provided in the BCP, may also be used for the Introit unless they have already been used at Matins.

ALTERNATE INTROIT PSALM: *Easter Anthems*



LLELUIA! Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: *therefore let us keep the feast; Not with the old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin,*

but alive unto God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Christ is risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Alleluia! Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

COLLECTS



LMIGHTY God, who through thine only begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: We humbly beseech thee, that as by thy special grace thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Additional



GOD, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the resurrection from the dead of thy only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we who celebrate this Paschal feast may die daily unto sin, and live with him evermore in the glory of his endless life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: *Isaiah 25:6–9*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.



AND in this mountain shall the Lord of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined. And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the vail that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the Lord hath spoken it.

And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

GRADUAL PSALM: *118:22–25*

THE same stone which the builders refused *is become the head-stone in the corner.* This is the LORD's doing, *and it is marvellous in our eyes.* This is the day which the LORD hath made; *we will rejoice and be glad in it.* Help us now, O LORD: O LORD, *send us now prosperity.*

EPISTLE: *Colossians 3:1–11*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Colossians.



IF ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things; for you have died, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, shall be made manifest, then shall you also be made manifest with him in glory. Mortify, therefore, your members which

are upon the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness which is idolatry; because of which cometh the wrath of God; in which you once walked yourselves when you lived in such things. But now you must put it all off: wrath, anger, malice, slander, and filthy talk out of your mouth; lie not to one another; cast off the old self with its evil deeds, and put on the new, which is being refashioned unto knowledge according to the image of its creator; in whom there is neither Greek nor Jew, neither circumcision nor uncircumcision, barbarian or Scythian, bond or free, but Christ is all in all.

GOSPEL: *John 20:1–10*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint John.



THE first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre. Then she runneth and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him. Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre. So they ran both together; and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre; and he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying; yet went he not in. Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen cloths lie; and the napkin that was about his head, not lying with the linen cloths, but wrapped together in a place by itself. Then went in also that other disciple which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed. For as yet they knew not the Scripture, that he must rise again from the dead. Then the disciples went away again unto their own home.

Easter Day (II)

At a Second Service for Easter Day

This service shall also be used from Easter Wednesday until Easter 1.

INTROIT PSALM: 30:1–5



LLELUIA! I will magnify thee, O LORD, for thou hast set me up, and not made my foes to triumph over me. O LORD my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me. Thou, LORD, hast brought up my soul from hell: thou hast kept my life from them that go down to the pit. Sing praises unto the LORD, O ye saints of his; and give thanks unto his holy Name. For his wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye, and in his favour is life; heaviness may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. I will magnify thee, O LORD, for thou hast set me up, and not made my foes to triumph over me. Alleluia!

The following Anthems, provided in the BCP, may also be used for the Introit unless they have already been used at Matins.

ALTERNATE INTROIT PSALM: *Easter Anthems*



LLELUIA! Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: therefore let us keep the feast; Not with the old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon

ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Christ is risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Alleluia! Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

COLLECTS



LMIGHTY God, who through thine only begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: We humbly beseech thee, that as by thy special grace thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Additional



GOD, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the resurrection from the dead of thy only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we who celebrate this Paschal feast may die daily unto sin, and live with him evermore in the glory of his endless life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: *Isaiah 12*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

AND in that day thou shalt say, O Lord, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me. Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation. Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation. And in that day shall ye say, Praise the Lord, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted. Sing unto the Lord; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth. Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

GRADUAL PSALM: *118:22–25*

THE same stone which the builders refused *is become the head-stone in the corner.* This is the LORD's doing, *and it is marvellous in our eyes.* This is the day which the LORD hath made; *we will rejoice and be glad in it.* Help us now, O LORD: O LORD, *send us now prosperity.*

EPISTLE: *2 Timothy 2:8–14*

A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to Timothy.

REMEMBER Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, of the seed of David, according to my gospel: wherein I suffer trouble as an evil doer, even unto bonds:

but the word of God is not bound. Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sake, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. This is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him. If we endure, we shall also reign with him. If we deny him, he also will deny us. If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful; he cannot deny himself. Of these things put them in remembrance.

GOSPEL: *Mark 16:1–7*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Mark.

WHEN the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun. And they said among themselves, Who will roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre? And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great. And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted. And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him. But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there will ye see him, as he said unto you.

Easter Monday

The Second Day of Easter

INTROIT PSALM: 105:1–6



ALLELUIA! O give thanks unto the LORD, and call upon his Name; *tell the peoples what things he hath done.* O let your songs be of him and praise him; *and let your talking be of all his wondrous works.* Rejoice in his holy Name: *let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD.* Seek the LORD and his strength: *seek his face evermore.* Remember the marvellous works that he hath done, *his wonders, and the judgements of his mouth;* O ye seed of Abraham his servant, *ye children of Jacob, his chosen.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* O give thanks unto the LORD, and call upon his Name; *tell the peoples what things he hath done.* Alleluia.

COLLECTS



ALMIGHTY God, who through thine only begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: We humbly beseech thee, that as by thy special grace thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Additional



GOD, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the resurrection from the dead of thy only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we who celebrate this

Paschal feast may die daily unto sin, and live with him evermore in the glory of his endless life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: Song of Songs 2:8–13

A reading from the Song of Songs.



HE voice of my beloved! behold, he cometh leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills. My beloved is like a roe or a young hart: behold, he standeth behind our wall, he looketh forth at the windows, shewing himself through the lattice. My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land; the fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

GRADUAL PSALM: 118:22–25



HE same stone which the builders refused is become the head-stone in the corner. This is the LORD's doing, *and it is marvellous in our eyes.* This is the day which the LORD hath made; *we will rejoice and be glad in it.* Help us now, O LORD: O LORD, *send us now prosperity.*

EPISTLE: *Acts 10:34-43*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

PETER opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons; but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him. The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching good tidings of peace by Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all); that word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, beginning from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed by the devil: for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all things which he did, both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew, and hanged on a tree: him God raised up the third day, and showed him openly; not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to bear witness that it is he who was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead. To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive forgiveness of sins.

GOSPEL: *Luke 24:13-35*

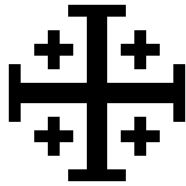
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HOLD, two of his disciples went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. And it came to pass, that while they com-

muned together, and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them. But their eyes were holden, that they should not know him. And he said unto them, What manner of communications are these that ye have with one another, as ye walk? And they stood still, looking sorrowful. But one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered and said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days? And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word, before God and all the people: and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him. But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, to-day is the third day since these things were done. Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre; and when they found not his body, they came, saying that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive. And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even so as the women had said; but him they saw not. Then he said unto them, Foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? And beginning at Moses, and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. And they drew nigh unto the village whither they went; and he made as though he would have gone further: but they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is towards evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them. And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it,

and brake, and gave to them. And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight. And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the Scriptures? And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem,

and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them, saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon. And they told what things were done in the way, and how he was known of them in the breaking of the bread.



Easter Tuesday

The Third Day of Easter

INTROIT PSALM: 106:1–5



LLELUIA! O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is gracious, *and his mercy endureth for ever*. Who can express the noble acts of the LORD, *or show forth all his praise?* Blessed are they that keep judgement, *and alway do righteousness*. Remember me, O LORD, according to the favour that thou bearest unto thy people: *O visit me with thy salvation; That I may see the felicity of thy chosen, and rejoice in the gladness of thy people, and give thanks with thine inheritance.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is gracious, *and his mercy endureth for ever. Alleluia!*

COLLECTS



LMIGHTY God, who through thine only begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: We humbly beseech thee, that as by thy special grace thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Additional



GOD, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the resurrection from the dead of thy only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we who celebrate this Paschal feast may die daily unto sin, and live

with him evermore in the glory of his endless life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: *Song of Songs 6:4–10*

A reading from the Song of Songs.



THOU art beautiful, O my love, as Tirzah, comely as Jerusalem, terrible as an army with banners. Turn away thine eyes from me, for they have overcome me: thy hair is as a flock of goats that appear from Gilead. Thy teeth are as a flock of sheep which go up from the washing, whereof every one beareth twins, and there is not one barren among them. As a piece of a pomegranate are thy temples within thy locks. There are threescore queens, and fourscore concubines, and virgins without number. My dove, my undefiled is but one; she is the only one of her mother, she is the choice one of her that bare her. The daughters saw her, and blessed her; yea, the queens and the concubines, and they praised her.

Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners?

GRADUAL PSALM: 118:22–25



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EPISTLE: *Acts 13:26–33*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

PAUL stood up and said, Men and brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and whosoever among you feareth God, to you is the word of this salvation sent. For they that dwell at Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they knew him not, nor yet the voices of the prophets which are read every sabbath day, they have fulfilled them in condemning him. And though they found no cause of death in him, yet desired they Pilate that he should be slain. And when they had fulfilled all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree, and laid him in a sepulchre. But God raised him from the dead: and he was seen many days of them which came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are his witnesses unto the people.

And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers, God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.

GOSPEL: *Luke 24:36–48*

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AND as they spake these things, Jesus himself stood in the midst of his disciples, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled, and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. And when he had thus spoken, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any food? And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honey-comb. And he took it, and did eat before them. And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses, and in the Prophets, and in the Psalms concerning me. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the Scriptures, and said unto them, Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer, and rise again from the dead the third day; and that repentance unto forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name unto all nations, beginning from Jerusalem; and ye are witnesses of these things.

Easter 1

The First Sunday after Easter

INTROIT PSALM: 81:1-4



SING merrily unto God our strength; make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob. Raise the psalm and sound the timbrel, *the merry harp with the lute*. Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, *at the full moon, for our solemn feast day*. For this was made a statute for Israel, *and a law of the God of Jacob*.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen*. O sing merrily unto God our strength; *make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob*.

COLLECT



LMIGHTY Father, who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification: Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: Acts 2:41-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.



WHEN they that gladly received Peter's word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

And all that believed were together, and had all things common; and sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

GRADUAL PSALM: 118:22-25



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EPISTLE: 1 John 5:4-12

A reading from the First Letter of Saint John.



WHATSOEVER is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in

one. If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

GOSPEL: *John 20:19–23*

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HE same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut, where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. And when he had so said, he showed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad when they saw the Lord. Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost. Whosoever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whosoever sins ye retain, they are retained.

Easter 2

The Second Sunday after Easter

INTROIT PSALM: 33:1-9



REJOICE in the LORD, O ye righteous; for it becometh well the just to be thankful. Praise the LORD with harp: sing praises unto him with the lute, and instrument of ten strings. Sing unto the LORD a new song: sing praises lustily with a good courage. FOR the word of the LORD is true, and all his works are faithful. He loveth righteousness and judgement: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD. By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. He gathereth the waters of the sea together, as it were in a bottle, and layeth up the deep, as in a treasure-house. Let all the earth fear the LORD; stand in awe of him, all ye that dwell in the world. For he spake, and it was done: he commanded, and it stood fast.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

COLLECT



ALMIGHTY God, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: Acts 4:1-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.



AND as Peter and John spake unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them, being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they laid hands on them, and put them in hold unto the next day: for it was now eventide. Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand. And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers, and elders, and scribes, and Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem. And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this? Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel, if we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole; be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

GRADUAL PSALM: 63:1-4



GOD, thou art my God; *early will I seek thee*. My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh also longeth after thee, *in a barren and dry land, where no water is*. Thus have I looked upon thee in the sanctuary, *that I might behold thy power and glory*. For thy loving-kindness is better than the life itself: *my lips shall praise thee*.

EPISTLE: I Peter 2:19-25

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Peter.



HIS is thank-worthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently; this is acceptable with God. For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that

judgeth righteously: who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

GOSPEL: John 10:11-16

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint John.



ESUS said, I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth; and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one flock, and one shepherd.

Easter 3

The Third Sunday after Easter

INTROIT PSALM: 66:1–6



BE joyful in God, all ye lands; sing praises unto the honour of his Name; make his praise to be glorious. Say unto God, 'O how wonderful are thy works! because of the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies feign obedience unto thee. All the world shall worship thee, sing of thee, and praise thy Name.' O come hither, and behold the works of God: how wonderful he is in his doing toward the children of men. He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot; there did we rejoice in him. He ruleth with his power for ever; his eyes keep watch upon the nations: let not such as be rebellious exalt themselves.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. O be joyful in God, all ye lands; sing praises unto the honour of his Name; make his praise to be glorious.

COLLECT



ALMIGHTY God, who showest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness: Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may forsake those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

LESSON: Acts 4:23–31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.



AND being let go, Peter and John went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them. And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is: who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things? The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ. For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, for to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done. And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, by stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.

And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

GRADUAL PSALM: 66:7–8



PRAISE our God, ye peoples, and make the voice of his praise to be heard; Who holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to slip.

EPISTLE: 1 Peter 2:11–17

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Peter.



EARLY beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: as free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

GOSPEL: John 16:16–22

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint John.



ESUS said to his disciples, A little while and ye shall not see me; and again a little while and ye shall see me. Then said some of his disciples among themselves, What is this that he saith unto us, A little while and ye shall not see me; and again a little while and ye shall see me; and, Because I go to the Father? They said therefore, What is this that he saith, A little while? we cannot tell what he saith. Now Jesus knew that they were desirous to ask him, and said unto them, Do ye inquire among yourselves of that I said, A little while and ye shall not see me; and again a little while and ye shall see me? Verily, verily I say unto you, that ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy. A woman, when she is in travail, hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a child is born into the world. And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.

Easter 4

The Fourth Sunday after Easter

INTROIT PSALM: 98:1-4



SING unto the LORD a new song; *for he hath done marvellous things.* With his own right hand, and with his holy arm, *hath he gotten himself the victory.* The LORD hath declared his salvation: *his righteousness hath he openly shown in the sight of the nations.* He hath remembered his mercy and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel; *and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* O sing unto the LORD a new song; *for he hath done marvellous things.*

COLLECT



ALMIGHTY God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: Acts 4:32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.



AND the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. And with great power gave the apostles witness of

the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all. Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, and laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.

GRADUAL PSALM: 118:15-18



HE voice of joy and health is in the dwellings of the righteous: *the right hand of the LORD bringeth mighty things to pass.* The right hand of the LORD is exalted: *the right hand of the LORD bringeth mighty things to pass.* I shall not die, but live, *and declare the works of the LORD.* The LORD hath chastened and corrected me; *but he hath not given me over unto death.*

EPISTLE: James 1:17-21

A reading from the Letter of Saint James.



VERY good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. Of his own will he brought us to birth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first-fruits of all his creation. Ye know this, my beloved brethren; and so let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. And therefore lay aside all filthiness and residue of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

GOSPEL: *John 16:5–15*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint John.*



ESUS said unto his disciples, Now I go my way to him that sent me, and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou? But, because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth; it is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgement: of sin, be-

cause they believe not on me; of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; of judgement, because the prince of this world is judged. I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit, when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall show it unto you.

Rogation Sunday

The Fifth Sunday after Easter

INTROIT PSALM: 107:1-9



GIVE thanks unto the LORD, for he is gracious, *and his mercy endureth for ever*. Let them give thanks whom the LORD hath redeemed, *and delivered from adversity*; And gathered them out of the lands, from the east and from the west, *from the north and from the south*. They that wandered in the wilderness, even in a desert place, *found no way to a city where men dwelt*. Hungry and thirsty, *their soul fainted in them*. So they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, *and he delivered them from their distress*. He led them forth by the right way, *that they might go to a city where men dwelt*. O that men would therefore praise the LORD for his goodness, *and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men!* For he satisfieth the empty soul, *and filleth the hungry soul with goodness*.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is gracious, *and his mercy endureth for ever*.

COLLECT



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 be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

LESSON: Acts 9:32-42

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.



AND it came to pass, as Peter passed throughout all quarters, he came down also to the saints which dwelt at Lydda. And there he found a certain man named Æneas, which had kept his bed eight years, and was sick of the palsy. And Peter said unto him, Æneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole: arise, and make thy bed. And he arose immediately. And all that dwelt at Lydda and Saron saw him, and turned to the Lord.

Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did. And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid her in an upper chamber. And forasmuch as Lydda was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring him that he would not delay to come to them. Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them. But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up. And he gave her his hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and widows, presented her alive. And it was known throughout all Joppa; and many believed in the Lord.

GRADUAL PSALM: 66:15–19



COME hither, and hearken, all ye that fear God, *and I will tell you what he hath done for my soul.* I called unto him with my mouth, *and gave him praises with my tongue.* If I had regarded wickedness in my heart, *the Lord would not have heard me.* But verily God hath heard me, *and considered the voice of my prayer.* Praised be God, who hath not cast out my prayer, *nor turned his mercy from me.*

EPISTLE: James 1:22–27

A reading from the Letter of Saint James.



BE ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man behold- ing his natural face in a glass. For he behold- eth himself, and goeth his way, and straight- way forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of lib- erty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. If any man among you seem to be religious, and brid- leth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their afflic- tion, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

GOSPEL: John 16:23–33

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint John.



JESUS said unto his disciples, Verily, verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. These things have I spoken unto you in parables: the time cometh when I shall no more speak unto you in parables, but I shall show you plainly of the Father. At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you; for the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God. I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father. His disciples said unto him, Lo, now speakest thou plainly, and speakest no parable. Now are we sure that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask thee: by this we believe that thou camest forth from God. Jesus answered them, Do ye now believe? Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scat- tered every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Fa- ther is with me. These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.

Ascension Day

Holy Thursday, the Ascension of Our Lord

INTROIT PSALM: 47:1-7



CLAP your hands together, all ye peoples; O sing unto God with the voice of melody. For the LORD Most High is to be feared; he is a great King over all the earth. He subdued the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet. He chose our heritage for us, even the glorious land of Jacob, whom he loved. God is gone up with a merry noise, the LORD with the sound of the trumpet. O sing praises, sing praises unto our God; O sing praises, sing praises unto our King. For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. God is gone up with a merry noise, the LORD with the sound of the trumpet.

COLLECT



RANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

LESSON: *Daniel 7:13-14*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Daniel.



SAW in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him

near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

GRADUAL PSALM: 68:17-20



HE chariots of God are ten thousands, yea, even thousands upon thousands; and the Lord is among them, as in the holy place of Sinai. Thou art gone up on high, thou hast led captivity captive, and received gifts among men, yea, even among the rebellious, that the LORD God might dwell with them. Blessed be the Lord, who daily beareth our burden, even the God who is our salvation. He is our God, even the God of whom cometh deliverance; and GOD is the Lord by whom we escape death.

EPISTLE: *Acts 1:1-11*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.



HE former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Spirit had given commandments unto the Apostles whom he had chosen: to whom also he showed himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing unto them during forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: and, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from

Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water, but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days hence. When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up, and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven, as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come, in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

GOSPEL: *Mark 16:14–20*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint Mark.*



ESUS appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen. And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be condemned. And these signs shall follow them that believe: In my name shall they cast out evil spirits; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following.

Ascension I

The Sunday after Ascension Day

INTROIT PSALM: 27:1-12

THE LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?* When the wicked came upon me to eat up my flesh, *even mine enemies and my foes, they stumbled and fell.* Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid; *and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.* ONE thing have I desired of the LORD, which I will require: *even that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the LORD, and to visit his temple.* For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle; *yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone.* And now shall my head be lifted up *above mine enemies round about me.* Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness: *I will sing, and speak praises unto the LORD.* Hearken unto my voice, O LORD, when I cry unto thee; *have mercy upon me and hear me.* My heart hath talked with thee: 'Seek ye my face'; 'Thy face, LORD, will I seek.' O hide not thy face from me, *nor cast thy servant away in displeasure.* Thou hast been my succour; *leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.* When my father and my mother forsake me, *the LORD taketh me up.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.* Amen. One thing have I desired of the LORD, which I will require: *even that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the LORD, and to visit his temple.*

COLLECT

GOD the King of Glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

LESSON: *Isaiah 32:14-17*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

THE palaces shall be forsaken; the multitude of the city shall be left; the forts and towers shall be for dens for ever, a joy of wild asses, a pasture of flocks; until the spirit be poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness be a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest. Then judgment shall dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness remain in the fruitful field. And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.

GRADUAL PSALM: 47:5-10

GOD is gone up with a merry noise, *the LORD with the sound of the trumpet.* O sing praises, sing praises unto our God; O *sing praises, sing praises unto our King.* For God is the King of all the earth: *sing ye praises with understanding.* God reigneth over the nations: *God sitteth upon his holy throne.* The princes of the peoples are gathered together,

with the people of the God of Abraham; For the rulers of the earth belong unto God; he is very highly exalted.

EPISTLE: *I Peter 4:7–11*

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Peter.



THE end of all things is at hand; be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. Use hospitality one to another without grudging. As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God: if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth; that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL: *John 15:26–16:4*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint John.



AND Jesus said unto his disciples, When the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: and ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning. These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me. But these things have I told you, that, when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them.

Pentecost

Or Whitsunday; the Fiftieth Day of Easter

INTROIT PSALM: 68:1-6



LET God arise, and let his enemies be scattered: *let them also that hate him flee before him.* Like as the smoke vanisheth, so shalt thou drive them away; *and like as wax melteth at the fire, so let the ungodly perish at the presence of God.* But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God: *let them also be merry and joyful.* O sing unto God, and sing praises unto his Name: *magnify him that rideth upon the heavens; praise him in his Name JAH, and rejoice before him.* He is a father of the fatherless, and defendeth the cause of the widows: *even God in his holy habitation.* He is the God that giveth the desolate a home to dwell in, and bringeth the prisoners out of captivity; *but the rebellious dwell in scarceness.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered: *let them also that hate him flee before him.*

ALTERNATE INTROIT PSALM: *Pentecost*

Anthems



SING unto the LORD a new song; *for he hath done marvellous things.* Christ, being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, *hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.* And because ye are sons, *God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, Abba, Father.* We all, with open face *beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord,* Are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Or Psalm 122.

COLLECTS



GOD, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by the sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

Additional



GOD, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the coming of the Holy Spirit upon thy disciples in Jerusalem: Grant that we who celebrate before thee the Feast of Pentecost may continue thine for ever, and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit, until we come to thine eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: *Wisdom 7:22-27*

A reading from the Book of Wisdom.



WISDOM, which is the worker of all things, taught me: for in her is an understanding spirit holy, one only, manifold, subtil, lively, clear, undefiled, plain, not subject to hurt, loving the thing that is good quick, which cannot be letted, ready to

do good, kind to man, steadfast, sure, free from care, having all power, overseeing all things, and going through all understanding, pure, and most subtil, spirits. For wisdom is more moving than any motion: she passeth and goeth through all things by reason of her pureness. For she is the breath of the power of God, and a pure influence flowing from the glory of the Almighty: therefore can no defiled thing fall into her. For she is the brightness of the everlasting light, the unspotted mirror of the power of God, and the image of his goodness. And being but one, she can do all things: and remaining in herself, she maketh all things new: and in all ages entering into holy souls, she maketh them friends of God, and prophets.

GRADUAL PSALM: 68:7–10



GOD, when thou wentest forth before thy people, *when thou wentest through the wilderness*, The earth shook, and the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God: *Sinai also quaked at the presence of God, who is the God of Israel*. Thou, O God, sentest a gracious rain upon thine inheritance, *and refreshedst it when it was weary*. Thy congregation dwelt therein; *for thou, O God, of thy goodness didst provide for the poor*.

ALTERNATE GRADUAL PSALM: 125



THEY that put their trust in the LORD are even as the mount Sion, *which may not be removed, but standeth fast for ever*. The hills stand about Jerusalem: *even so standeth the LORD round about his people, from this time forth for evermore*. For the sceptre of the ungodly shall not rest upon the lot of the

righteous; *lest the righteous put their hand unto wickedness*. Do well, O LORD, unto those that are good, *and unto them that are true of heart*. As for such as turn aside to their own crooked ways, *the LORD shall lead them forth with the evil doers; but peace be upon Israel*.

EPISTLE: Acts 2:1–11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.



WHEN the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues, like as of fire, and it rested upon each of them: and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Now when this sound was heard, the multitude came together, and were bewildered, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. And they were all amazed, and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue wherein we were born? Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

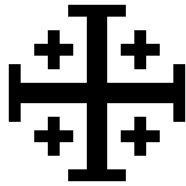
GOSPEL: *John 14:15–27*

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JESUS said unto his disciples, If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me; and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love

him, and will manifest myself to him. Judas saith unto him, (not Iscariot,) Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words, and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.



Pentecost Monday

The Second Day of Pentecost

INTROIT PSALM: 81:13–16



THAT my people would hearken unto me, *that Israel would walk in my ways!* I should soon put down their enemies, *and turn my hand against their adversaries.* The haters of the LORD should feign obedience unto him; *but their time should endure for ever.* I would feed them also with the finest wheatflour; *and with honey out of the stony rock would I satisfy thee.'*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* O that my people would hearken unto me, *that Israel would walk in my ways.*

COLLECTS



GOD, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by the sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

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LESSON: *Jeremiah 31:31–34*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.



BEHOLD, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the Lord: but this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

GRADUAL PSALM: 104:28–31



THESE wait all upon thee, *that thou mayest give them meat in due season.* When thou givest it to them they gather it; *and when thou openest thy hand they are filled with good.* When thou hidest thy face they are troubled: *when thou takest away their breath they die, and are turned again to their dust.* When thou lettest thy breath go forth they are made; *and thou renewest the face of the earth.*

EPISTLE: *Acts 10:34–48*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.



WHEN Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons; but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him. The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching good tidings of peace by Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all); that word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, beginning from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed by the devil: for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all things which he did, both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew, and hanged on a tree: him God raised up the third day, and showed him openly; not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to bear witness that it is he who was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead. To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive forgiveness of sins. While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Spirit fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision

which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Spirit. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Spirit as well as we? And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

GOSPEL: *John 3:16–21*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint John.



God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not judged: but he that believeth not is judged already; because he hath not believed in the name of the only-begotten Son of God. And this is the judgment, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

Trinity Sunday

The Octave Day of Pentecost

INTROIT PSALM: 8



LORD our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world, *thou that hast set thy glory above the heavens!* Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength, because of thine enemies, *that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.* When I consider thy heavens, even the work of thy fingers; *the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;* What is man, that thou art mindful of him, *and the son of man, that thou visitest him?* Thou hast made him but little lower than the angels, *and dost crown him with glory and worship.* Thou makest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; *and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet;* All sheep and oxen; *yea, and the beasts of the field;* The birds of the air, and the fishes of the sea; *and whatsoever moveth through the paths of the seas.* O LORD our Governor, *how excellent is thy Name in all the world!*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* O Lord our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world, *thou that hast set thy glory above the heavens.*

COLLECT



LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity: We beseech thee, that this holy faith may evermore be our defence against all adversities; who livest and reignest,

one God, world without end. Amen.

LESSON: *Isaiah 57:15–21*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.



OR thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. For I will not contend for ever, neither will I be always wroth: for the spirit should fail before me, and the souls which I have made. For the iniquity of his covetousness was I wroth, and smote him: I hid me, and was wroth, and he went on frowardly in the way of his heart. I have seen his ways, and will heal him: I will lead him also, and restore comforts unto him and to his mourners. I create the fruit of the lips; Peace, peace to him that is far off, and to him that is near, saith the Lord; and I will heal him. But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.

GRADUAL PSALM: 136:1–3



GIVE thanks unto the LORD, for he is gracious: *for his mercy endureth for ever.* O give thanks unto the God of all gods: *for his mercy endureth for ever.* O thank the Lord of all lords: *for his mercy endureth for ever.*

EPISTLE: *Revelation 4:1–11*

A reading from the Revelation to Saint John.



AFTER this I saw, and behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will show thee things which must be hereafter. And immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne: and he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardius stone: and a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald. And round about the throne four and twenty seats; and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and on their heads crowns of gold: and out of the throne proceed lightnings and thunderings and voices. And seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven spirits of God; and before the throne as it were a sea of glass, like unto crystal; and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, four living creatures, full of eyes before and behind; the first one like a lion, and the second like a calf, and the third having a face like a man, and the fourth like a flying eagle; and every one of them had six wings; around and within they are full of eyes; and they rest not day or night, saying, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God the Almighty, Which was, and which is, and which is to come. And when those living beings give glory and honour and thanks to him that sitteth upon the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, the four and twenty elders fall down before him that sitteth upon the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honour and power; For thou hast created all things, And for thy pleasure they are, and were created.

GOSPEL: *John 3:1–15*

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HERE was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: the same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these signs that thou doest, except God be with him. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth; so is every one that is born of the Spirit. Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be? Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things? Verily, verily I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not; how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things? And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man, who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

Trinity I

The First Sunday after Trinity

INTROIT PSALM: 13

HOW long wilt thou forget me, O LORD, for ever? *how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?* How long shall I seek counsel in my soul, and be so vexed in my heart? *how long shall mine enemy triumph over me?* Consider and hear me, O LORD my God; *lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in death; Lest mine enemy say, 'I have prevailed against him'; for if I be cast down, they that trouble me will rejoice.* But my trust is in thy mercy, *and my heart is joyful in thy salvation.* I will sing unto the LORD, because he hath dealt so lovingly with me; *yea, I will praise the Name of the LORD Most High.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* I will sing unto the LORD, because he hath dealt so lovingly with me; *yea, I will praise the Name of the LORD Most High.*

COLLECT

GOD, the strength of all them that put their trust in thee: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping of thy commandments we may please thee both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: 2 Samuel 9:1–11

A reading from the Second Book of Samuel.

AND David said, Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may shew him kindness for Jonathan's sake? And there was of the house of Saul a servant whose name was Ziba. And when they had called him unto David, the king said unto him, Art thou Ziba? And he said, Thy servant is he. And the king said, Is there not yet any of the house of Saul, that I may shew the kindness of God unto him? And Ziba said unto the king, Jonathan hath yet a son, which is lame on his feet. And the king said unto him, Where is he? And Ziba said unto the king, Behold, he is in the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, in Lo-debar.

Then king David sent, and fetched him out of the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, from Lo-debar. Now when Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, was come unto David, he fell on his face, and did reverence. And David said, Mephibosheth. And he answered, Behold thy servant!

And David said unto him, Fear not: for I will surely shew thee kindness for Jonathan thy father's sake, and will restore thee all the land of Saul thy father; and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually. And he bowed himself, and said, What is thy servant, that thou shouldest look upon such a dead dog as I am?

Then the king called to Ziba, Saul's servant, and said unto him, I have given unto thy master's son all that pertained to Saul and to all his house. Thou therefore, and thy sons, and thy servants, shall till the land for him, and thou

shalt bring in the fruits, that thy master's son may have food to eat: but Mephibosheth thy master's son shall eat bread alway at my table. Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants. Then said Ziba unto the king, According to all that my lord the king hath commanded his servant, so shall thy servant do. As for Mephibosheth, said the king, he shall eat at my table, as one of the king's sons.

GRADUAL PSALM: 41:1-4



BLESSED is he that considereth the poor and needy; *the LORD shall deliver him in the time of trouble.* The LORD preserve him, and keep him alive, that he may be blessed in the land; *and deliver not thou him into the will of his enemies.* The LORD comfort him when he lieth sick upon his bed; *thou makest all his bed in his sickness.* I said, 'LORD, be merciful unto me; *heal my soul, for I have sinned against thee.'*

EPISTLE: 1 John 4:7-21

A reading from the First Letter of Saint John.



BLOVED, let us love one another: for love is of God, and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. In this was manifested the

love of God towards us, because that God sent his only-begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us; because he hath given us of his Spirit. And we have seen, and do testify, that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgement; because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear; because fear hath torment: he that feareth is not made perfect in love. We love him, because he first loved us. If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, that he who loveth God love his brother also.

GOSPEL: *Luke 16:19–31*

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AND Jesus spake a parable unto them, saying, There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day. And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate full of sores, and desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died, and was buried: and in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue;

for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy life-time receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they who would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence. Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: for I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, Nay, father Abraham; but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

Trinity 2

The Second Sunday after Trinity

INTROIT PSALM: 118:118–21

HE sent from on high, and took me, and he drew me out of many waters. He delivered me from my strongest enemy, and from them that hate me, for they were too mighty for me. They came upon me in the day of my trouble; but the LORD was my upholder. He brought me forth also into a place of liberty; he delivered me, even because he had a favour unto me.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. He brought me forth also into a place of liberty; he delivered me, even because he had a favour unto me.

COLLECT

LORD, who never failest to help and govern them whom thou dost bring up in thy stedfast fear and love: Keep us, we beseech thee, under the protection of thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: *Daniel 9:15–19*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Daniel.

DANIEL prayed: And now, O Lord our God, that hast brought thy people forth out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and hast gotten thee renown, as at this day; we have sinned, we have done wickedly.

O Lord, according to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain: because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy people are become a reproach to all that are about us. Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake. O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name: for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God: for thy city and thy people are called by thy name.

GRADUAL PSALM: 23:5–6

THOU shalt prepare a table before me in the presence of them that trouble me; thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full. Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

EPISTLE: *1 John 3:13–24*

A reading from the First Letter of Saint John.



MARVEL not, my brethren, if the world hate you. We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer; and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. Hereby we know love, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his heart against him; how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed, and in truth.

And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him. For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence towards God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight. And this is his commandment, That we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment. And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him: and hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.

GOSPEL: *Luke 14:15–24*

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according to Saint Luke.*



AND one of them that sat at meat with Jesus said unto him, Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God. Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many; and sent his servant at supper-time to say to them that were bidden, Come, for all things are now ready. And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it; I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them; I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come. So that servant came and showed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind. And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room. And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.

Trinity 3

The Third Sunday after Trinity

INTROIT PSALM: 25:16–22

TURN thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; *for I am desolate and in misery.* Relieve thou the sorrows of my heart: *O bring thou me out of my troubles.* Look upon my adversity and misery, *and forgive me all my sins.* Consider mine enemies, how many they are; *and they bear a tyrannous hate against me.* O keep my soul, and deliver me; *let me not be confounded, for I have put my trust in thee.* Let perfectness and righteous dealing preserve me; *for my hope is in thee.* Deliver Israel, O God, *out of all his troubles.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; *for I am desolate and in misery.*

COLLECT

LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to hear us; and grant that we, to whom thou hast given an hearty desire to pray, may by thy mighty aid be defended and comforted in all dangers and adversities; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: 1 Samuel 17:32–50

A reading from the First Book of Samuel.

AND David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of Goliath; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine. And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war

from his youth. And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock: and I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him. Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God. David said moreover, The Lord that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the Lord be with thee.

And Saul armed David with his armour, and he put an helmet of brass upon his head; also he armed him with a coat of mail. And David girded his sword upon his armour, and he assayed to go; for he had not proved it. And David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these; for I have not proved them. And David put them off him. And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling was in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine. And the Philistine came on and drew near unto David; and the man that bare the shield went before him. And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him: for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance. And the Philistine said unto David, Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the

air, and to the beasts of the field. Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. This day will the Lord deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcases of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. And all this assembly shall know that the Lord saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hands.

And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came and drew nigh to meet David, that David hasted, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth. So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him; but there was no sword in the hand of David.

GRADUAL PSALM: 7:9-12



LET the wickedness of the ungodly come to an end; *but guide thou the just.* For the righteous God *trieth the very minds and hearts.* My help cometh of God, *who preserveth them that are true of heart.* God is a righteous judge, strong and patient; *and God is provoked every day.*

EPISTLE: 1 Peter 5:5-11

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Peter.



ALL of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time; casting all your care upon him, for he careth for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour: whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. And the God of all grace, who hath called you into his eternal glory in Christ, after that ye have suffered a while, shall himself restore, stablish, strengthen you. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL: *Luke 15:1-10*

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according to Saint Luke.*



HEN drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him. And the Pharisees and Scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them. And he spake this parable unto them, saying, What man of you having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he cometh home, he calleth together

his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost. I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance. Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it? And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I had lost. Likewise, I say unto you, There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

Trinity 4

The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

INTROIT PSALM: 27:1-7



HE LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?* When the wicked came upon me to eat up my flesh, *even mine enemies and my foes, they stumbled and fell.* Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid; *and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.* One thing have I desired of the LORD, which I will require: *even that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the LORD, and to visit his temple.* For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle; *yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone.* And now shall my head be lifted up *above mine enemies round about me.* Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness: *I will sing, and speak praises unto the LORD.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?*

COLLECT



GOD, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: *Lamentations 3:22-32*

A reading from the Lamentations of Jeremiah.



IT is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him. The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him. It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord. It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth. He sitteth alone and keepeth silence, because he hath borne it upon him. He putteth his mouth in the dust; if so be there may be hope. He giveth his cheek to him that smiteth him: he is filled full with reproach. For the Lord will not cast off for ever: but though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies.

GRADUAL PSALM: 9:9–12

THE LORD also will be a defence for the oppressed, *even a refuge in the time of trouble.* And they that know thy Name will put their trust in thee; *for thou, LORD, hast never failed them that seek thee.* O praise the LORD who dwelleth in Sion; *show the people of his doings.* For he that avengeth blood remembereth them, *and forgetteth not the complaint of the poor.*

EPISTLE: *Romans 8:18–23*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Romans.

RECKON that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed unto us; for the earnest expectation of the whole creation is waiting for the revelation of the sons of God. For the creation was not made subject to vanity of its own will, but in accordance with the will of him who made it subject in hope; for the creation itself shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first-fruits of the Spirit, groan within ourselves, waiting for our full adoption as sons, even the redemption of our body.

GOSPEL: *Luke 6:36–42*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Luke.

JESUS said unto his disciples, Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful. Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven: give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal, it shall be measured to you again. And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch? The disciple is not above his master; but every one that is perfect shall be as his master. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Either how canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brother's eye.

Trinity 5

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

INTROIT PSALM: 27:8–16

HEARKEN unto my voice, O LORD, when I cry unto thee; *have mercy upon me and hear me.* My heart hath talked with thee: ‘Seek ye my face’; ‘*Thy face, LORD, will I seek.*’ O hide not thy face from me, *nor cast thy servant away in displeasure.* Thou hast been my succour; *leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.* When my father and my mother forsake me, *the LORD taketh me up.* Teach me thy way, O LORD, *and lead me in the right way, because of mine enemies.* Deliver me not over into the will of mine adversaries; *for there are false witnesses risen up against me, and such as speak wrong.* I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD *in the land of the living.* O tarry thou the LORD’s leisure; *be strong, and let thy heart take courage, and wait upon the LORD.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* Hearken unto my voice, O LORD, when I cry unto thee; *have mercy upon me and hear me.*

COLLECT

PRANT, O Lord, we beseech thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: *Isaiah 6:1–8*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

IN the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts. Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: and he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

GRADUAL PSALM: 84:8–13



LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer: *hearken, O God of Jacob. Behold, O God, our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed. For one day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness. For the LORD God is a light and defence; the LORD will give grace and glory; and no good thing shall he withhold from them that lead a godly life. O LORD God of hosts, blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.*

EPISTLE: 1 Peter 3:8–15

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Peter.



Ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous; not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing. For He that will love life, And see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips that they speak no guile: Let him forsake evil, and do good; Let him seek peace, and follow after it. For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, And his ears are open unto their prayers: But the face of the Lord is against them that do evil. And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good? But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled; but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts.

GOSPEL: Luke 5:1–11

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Luke.



IT came to pass that as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, Jesus stood by the lake of Gennesaret, and saw two ships standing by the lake; but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets. And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land: and he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship. Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing; nevertheless, at thy word I will let down the net. And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes, and their net brake. And they beckoned unto their partners which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord. For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken; and so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not, from henceforth thou shalt catch men. And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him.

Trinity 6

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

INTROIT PSALM: 28:7–10



RAISED be the LORD; *for he hath heard the voice of my humble petitions.*

The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart hath trusted in him, and I am helped; *therefore my heart danceth for joy, and in my song will I praise him.* The LORD is the strength of his people; *and he is the wholesome defence of his anointed.* O LORD, save thy people, and bless thine heritage: *govern them, and lift them up for ever.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* The LORD is the strength of his people; *and he is the wholesome defence of his anointed.*

COLLECT



GOD, who hast prepared for them that love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: *Jonah 2*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jonah.



WHEN Jonah prayed unto the Lord his God out of the fish's belly, and said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the Lord, and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, and thou heardest my voice. For thou hadst cast me into the deep, in the midst of the seas; and the floods compassed me about: all thy billows and thy waves

passed over me. Then I said, I am cast out of thy sight; yet I will look again toward thy holy temple. The waters compassed me about, even to the soul: the depth closed me round about, the weeds were wrapped about my head. I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars was about me for ever: yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O Lord my God. When my soul fainted within me I remembered the Lord: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple. They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy. But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the Lord.

And the Lord spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land.

GRADUAL PSALM: 90:14–18



URN thee again, O LORD, at the last, *and be gracious unto thy servants.* O satisfy us with thy mercy, and that soon: *so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.* Comfort us again according to the time that thou hast afflicted us, *and for the years wherein we have suffered adversity.* Show thy servants thy work, *and their children thy glory.* And let the glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: *prosper thou the work of our hands upon us, O prosper thou our handy-work.*

EPISTLE: *Romans 6:3-II*

*A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the
Apostle to the Romans.*

NOW ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted with him in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: knowing this, that our old Adam was crucified with him, that our sinful self might be destroyed, that we should never again be the slaves of sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him; knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once; but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL: *Luke 6:27-36*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint Luke.*

JESUS said, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you. And unto him that smiteth thee on the one cheek, offer also the other; and him that taketh away thy cloak, forbid not to take thy coat also. Give to every man that asketh of thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods, ask them not again. And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise. For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them. And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same. And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful, and to the evil. Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.

Trinity 7

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

INTROIT PSALM: 47:1-4



CLAP your hands together, all ye peoples; O sing unto God with the voice of melody. For the LORD Most High is to be feared; he is a great King over all the earth. He subdued the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet. He chose our heritage for us, even the glorious land of Jacob, whom he loved.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. O clap your hands together, all ye peoples; O sing unto God with the voice of melody.

COLLECT



LORD of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: *Isaiah 55:1-5*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.



O, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your

soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David. Behold, I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people. Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, and nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the Lord thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee.

GRADUAL PSALM: 34:11-15



OME, ye children, and hearken unto me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD. What man is he that desireth to live, and would fain see good days? Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips, that they speak no guile. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it. The eyes of the LORD are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers.

EPISTLE: *Romans 6:17-23*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Romans.



HANKS be to God that you, who were once slaves to sin, have obeyed from the heart that pattern of teaching whereunto you were delivered; you were set free from sin, and have become servants of righteousness. I speak after the manner of men because of the weakness of your human nature; for just as you once offered your bodily members to serve uncleanness, and to iniquity after iniquity, even so you now offer them as servants of righteousness unto holiness. For when you were the servants of sin, you were free from righteousness. What fruit

had you then in those things whereof you are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, you have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death: but the free gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL: *Mark 8:1–10*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint Mark.*



IN those days the multitude being very great, and having nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples unto him, and saith unto them, I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now been

with me three days, and have nothing to eat: and if I send them away fasting to their own houses, they will faint by the way; for many of them came from a distance. And his disciples answered him, How can any one satisfy these men with bread here in the wilderness? And he asked them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, Seven. And he commanded the people to sit down on the ground. And he took the seven loaves, and gave thanks, and brake, and gave to his disciples to set before them; and they did set them before the people. And they had a few small fishes; and he blessed, and commanded to set them also before them. So they ate, and were filled: and they took up of the broken meat that was left seven baskets. And they that had eaten were about four thousand. And he sent them away.

Trinity 8

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

INTROIT PSALM: 48:1-12



REAT is the LORD, and highly to be praised in the city of our God. His holy hill is a fair place, and the joy of the whole earth: Mount Sion of the uttermost parts of the north, the city of the great King. He hath made himself known in her citadels as a sure refuge. For lo, the kings of the earth were gathered, and gone by together. They marvelled to see such things; they were astonished, and suddenly cast down. Fear came there upon them, and anguish, as upon a woman in her travail; As when with the east wind thou breakest the ships of the sea. Like as we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God: God upholdeth the same for ever. We have thought on thy loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple. O God, according to thy Name, so is thy praise unto the world's end; thy right hand is full of righteousness. Let the mount Sion rejoice, and the daughters of Judah be glad, because of thy judgements.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. We have thought on thy loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple.

COLLECT



GOD, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth: We humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which be profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: Deuteronomy 30:11-20

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.



OR this commandment which I command thee this day, it is not hidden from thee, neither is it far off. It is not in heaven, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go up for us to heaven, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it? Neither is it beyond the sea, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it? But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it.

See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil; in that I command thee this day to love the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the Lord thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it. But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them; I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish, and that ye shall not prolong your days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it. I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live: that thou mayest love the Lord thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he is thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the Lord sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

GRADUAL PSALM: 48:13–15



ALK about Sion, and go round about her; *and count the towers thereof.* Mark well her bulwarks, consider her citadels, *that ye may tell them that come after.* For this God is our God for ever and ever: *he shall be our guide for evermore.*

EPISTLE: Romans 8:12–17

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Romans.



Y brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the manner of the flesh; for if you live after the manner of the flesh, you will die; but if through the Spirit you mortify the deeds of the body, you will live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For you have not received a spirit of servitude again unto fear; you have received a spirit of sonship, in which we cry aloud, Abba, Father; the Spirit himself bearing witness with our spirit, that we are children of God: and if children, then heirs;

heirs of God, and fellow-heirs with Christ: if so be that we suffer with him, that we may also be glorified with him.

GOSPEL: Matthew 7:15–21

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Matthew.



ESUS said unto his disciples, Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit; neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

Trinity 9

The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

INTROIT PSALM: 54



AVE me, O God, for thy Name's sake, *and avenge me in thy strength.* Hear my prayer, O God, *and hearken unto the words of my mouth.* For strangers are risen up against me; *and tyrants, who have not God before their eyes, seek after my soul.* Behold, God is my helper: *the Lord is he that upholdeth my soul.* He shall reward evil unto mine enemies: *destroy thou them in thy truth.* A free-will offering will I give to thee, *and praise thy Name, O LORD, because it is so comfortable.* For he hath delivered me out of all my trouble; *and mine eye hath seen its desire upon mine enemies.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* Behold, God is my helper: *the Lord is he that upholdeth my soul.*

COLLECT



RANT to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as be rightful; that we, who cannot do any thing that is good without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: *Proverbs 8:1–13*

A reading from the Book of Proverbs.



OTH not wisdom cry? and understanding put forth her voice? She standeth in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the paths. She crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors. Unto you, O men, I call;

and my voice is to the sons of man. O ye simple, understand wisdom: and, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart. Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips shall be right things. For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness is an abomination to my lips. All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing froward or perverse in them. They are all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge. Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold. For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.

I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions. The fear of the Lord is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.

GRADUAL PSALM: 105:39–43



E spread out a cloud to be a covering, *and fire to give light in the night-season.* At their desire he brought quails, *and filled them with the bread of heaven.* He opened the rock of stone, and the waters flowed out, *so that rivers ran in the dry places.* For why? he remembered his holy promise, *and Abraham his servant.* And he brought forth his people with joy, *and his chosen with gladness.*

EPISTLE: *I Corinthians 10:1–17*

*A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul the
Apostle to the Corinthians.*

BRETHREN, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; and were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud, and in the sea; and did all eat the same spiritual food, and did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual rock that followed them; and that rock was Christ. But with many of them God was not well pleased; for they were overthrown in the wilderness. Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play. Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. There hath no temptation taken you, but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry. I speak as to wise men; judge ye what I say. The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.

GOSPEL: *Luke 16:1–10*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint Luke.*

JESUS said unto his disciples, There was a certain rich man which had a steward; and the same was accused unto him that he was wasting his goods. And he called him, and said unto him, How is it that I hear this of thee? Give an account of thy stewardship; for thou mayest be no longer steward. Then the steward said within himself, What shall I do? for my lord taketh away from me the stewardship: I cannot dig, to beg I am ashamed. I am resolved what to do, that, when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses. So he called every one of his master's debtors unto him, and said unto the first, How much owest thou to my master? And he said, An hundred measures of oil. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and sit down quickly, and write fifty. Then said he to another, And how much owest thou? And he said, An hundred measures of wheat. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and write fourscore. And his master praised the unrighteous steward, because he had acted with prudence: for the children of this age are in their generation more prudent than the children of light. And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends by means of the mammon of unrighteousness; and when it fails you, they will receive you into everlasting habitations. He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much; and he that is unrighteous in that which is least is unrighteous also in much.

Trinity 10

The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

INTROIT PSALM: 55:1–8, 22

LESSON: 1 Kings 8:22–30

HEAR my prayer, O God, *and hide not thyself from my petition.* Take heed unto me, and hear me, *how I mourn in my prayer, and am vexed.* The enemy crieth so, and the ungodly cometh on so fast; *for they are minded to do me some mischief; so maliciously are they set against me.* My heart is disquieted within me, *and the terrors of death are fallen upon me.* Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, *and an horrible dread hath overwhelmed me.* And I said, ‘O that I had wings like a dove! *for then would I fly away, and be at rest.* Lo, then would I get me away far off, *and abide in the wilderness.* I would make haste to find me a shelter *from the stormy wind and tempest.*’ O cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall uphold thee, *and shall not suffer the righteous to be moved for ever.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* O cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall uphold thee, *and shall not suffer the righteous to be moved for ever.*

COLLECT

LET thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of thy humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A reading from the First Book of Kings.

AND Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven: and he said, Lord God of Israel, there is no God like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, who keepest covenant and mercy with thy servants that walk before thee with all their heart: who hast kept with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him: thou spakest also with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with thine hand, as it is this day. Therefore now, Lord God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him, saying, There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Israel; so that thy children take heed to their way, that they walk before me as thou hast walked before me. And now, O God of Israel, let thy word, I pray thee, be verified, which thou spakest unto thy servant David my father. But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded? Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O Lord my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer, which thy servant prayeth before thee to day: that thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, even toward the place of which thou hast said, My name shall be there: that thou mayest hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall make toward this place. And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Is-

rael, when they shall pray toward this place: and hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place: and when thou hearest, forgive.

GRADUAL PSALM: 137



Y the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, *when we remembered thee, O Sion.* As for our harps, we hanged them up *upon the trees that are therein.* For there they that led us away captive required of us a song, and they that plundered us a melody: *'Sing us one of the songs of Sion.'* How shall we sing the LORD's song *in a strange land?* If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, *let my right hand forget her cunning.* If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; *yea, if I prefer not Jerusalem in my mirth.*

EPISTLE: I Corinthians 12:1-11

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians.



ONCERNING spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant. You know that when you were Gentiles, you were carried away unto these dumb idols, even as you were led. Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed; and that no man can say, Jesus is Lord, but by the Holy Spirit. Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are diversities of ministrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God, who worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man for the

common good. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; to another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues. But all these worketh that one and the self-same Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

GOSPEL: Luke 19:41-47

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Luke.



ND when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it, saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes. For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, and shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation. And he went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold therein, and them that bought, saying unto them, It is written, My house is the house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of thieves. And he taught daily in the temple.

Trinity II

The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

INTROIT PSALM: III



WILL give thanks unto the LORD with my whole heart, *in the council of the faithful and in the congregation.*

The works of the LORD are great, *sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.* His work is worthy to be praised and had in honour; *and his righteousness endureth for ever.* The merciful and gracious LORD hath so done his marvellous works, *that they ought to be had in remembrance.* He hath given meat unto them that fear him; *he shall ever be mindful of his covenant.* He hath showed his people the power of his works, *in giving them the heritage of the nations.* The works of his hands are verity and judgement; *all his precepts are sure;* They stand fast for ever and ever, *and are done in truth and equity.* He sent redemption unto his people; *he hath commanded his covenant for ever; holy and reverend is his Name.* The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; *a good understanding have all they that do thereafter; his praise endureth for ever.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* I will give thanks unto the LORD with my whole heart, *in the council of the faithful and in the congregation.*

COLLECT



GOD, who declarest thy almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy gracious promises, and be made partakers

of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: I *Chronicles* 29:10–15

A reading from the First Book of Chronicles.



HEREFORE David blessed the Lord before all the congregation: and David said, Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel our father, for ever and ever. Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all. Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name. But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee. For we are strangers before thee, and sojourners, as were all our fathers: our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding.

GRADUAL PSALM: 51:15–17



LORD, open thou my lips, *and my mouth shall show forth thy praise.* For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it; *but thou delightest not in burnt offerings.* The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: *a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.*

EPISTLE: I Corinthians 15:1–11

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians.



BRETHREN, I declare unto you the Gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand: by which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all, that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day, according to the Scriptures; and that he was seen by Peter; then by the twelve: after that, he was seen by above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep: after that, he was seen of James; then of all the Apostles: and last of all, he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time. For I am the least of the Apostles,

that am not meet to be called an Apostle, because I persecuted the Church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all; yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. Therefore whether it were I or they, so we preach, and so ye believed.

GOSPEL: Luke 18:9–14

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Luke.



JESUS spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a Publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this Publican: I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the Publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

Trinity 12

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

INTROIT PSALM: 70



GOD, make speed to save me; O LORD, make haste to help me. Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul; *let them be turned backward and put to confusion that wish me evil.* Let them for their reward be soon brought to shame *that cry over me, 'There, there.'* But let those that seek thee be joyful and glad in thee; *and let all such as love thy salvation say always, 'The LORD be praised.'* As for me, I am poor and in misery; *haste thee unto me, O God.* Thou art my helper and my redeemer; O LORD, *make no long tarrying.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* O God, make speed to save me; O LORD, *make haste to help me.*

COLLECT



ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: *Exodus 4:10–12*

A reading from the Book of Exodus.



AND Moses said unto the Lord, O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue. And the Lord said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the Lord? Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say.

GRADUAL PSALM: 34:1–5



LORD; his praise shall ever be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the LORD; *the humble shall hear thereof and be glad.* O praise the LORD with me, *and let us magnify his Name together.* I sought the LORD, and he heard me; *yea, he delivered me out of all my fears.* O look unto him and be lightened; *and your faces shall not be ashamed.*

EPISTLE: 2 *Corinthians 3:4–9*

A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians.



SUCH trust have we through Christ to Godward: not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is from God, who hath even made us worthy to be ministers of the new covenant; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life. But if the ministration

of death written and engraven in stones was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance, which glory was to be done away; how shall not the ministration of the spirit be even more glorious? For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory.

GOSPEL: *Mark 7:31–37*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint Mark.*



ESUS, departing from the region of Tyre, came through Sidon unto the sea of Galilee, through the midst of

the region of Decapolis. And they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech him to put his hand upon him. And he took him aside from the multitude, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spit, and touched his tongue; and looking up to heaven, he sighed, and saith unto him, Ephphatha, that is, Be opened. And straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain. And he charged them that they should tell no man: but the more he charged them, so much the more a great deal they published it; and were beyond measure astonished, saying, He hath done all things well; he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak.

Trinity 13

The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

INTROIT PSALM: 90:1-13



ORD, thou hast been our refuge, *from one generation to another*. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made, *thou art God from everlasting, and world without end*. Thou turnest man back to the dust, *and thou sayest, 'Return, ye children of men.'* For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, *and as a watch in the night*. Thou carriest them away as with a flood, and they are even as a sleep; *in the morning they are like grass that groweth up*. In the morning it is green and groweth up, *but in the evening it is cut down and withered*. For we consume away in thy displeasure, *and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation*. Thou hast set our misdeeds before thee, *and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance*. For when thou art angry all our days are gone: *we bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told*. The days of our age are threescore years and ten, *or, if men be so strong, they may come to fourscore years*; Yet is their pride but labour and sorrow: *so soon passeth it away, and we are gone*. But who regardeth the power of thy wrath, *or feareth aright thine indignation?* So teach us to number our days, *that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom*.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end*. Amen. Lord, thou hast been our refuge, *from one generation to another*.

COLLECT



LMIGHTY and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service: Grant, we beseech thee, that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: *Genesis 26:1-5*

A reading from the Book of Genesis.



ND there was a famine in the land, beside the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went unto Abimelech king of the Philistines unto Gerar. And the Lord appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of: sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I sware unto Abraham thy father; and I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.

GRADUAL PSALM: 90:14-18

TURN thee again, O LORD, at the last, and be gracious unto thy servants. O satisfy us with thy mercy, and that soon: *so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.* Comfort us again according to the time that thou hast afflicted us, *and for the years wherein we have suffered adversity.* Show thy servants thy work, *and their children thy glory.* And let the glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: *prosper thou the work of our hands upon us, O prosper thou our handy-work.*

EPISTLE: Galatians 5:16-24

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Galatians.

TSAY then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the desire of the flesh. For the desire of the flesh is against the Spirit, and the Spirit is against the flesh; and these are contrary the one to the other; so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. But if ye be led by the Spirit, ye are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you beforehand, as I have also told you in time past, that they who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh, with the affections and lusts.

GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Luke.

AND behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou? And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself. And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right; this do, and thou shalt live. But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour? And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a certain Priest that way, and, when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was; and, when he saw him, he had compassion on him, and went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow, when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? And he said, He that showed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

Trinity 14

The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

INTROIT PSALM: 84



HOW lovely are thy dwellings, *thou LORD of hosts!* My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the LORD: *my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.* Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: *even thine altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.* Blessed are they that dwell in thy house; *they will be always praising thee.* Blessed are the men whose strength is in thee, *in whose heart are the pilgrim ways;* Who going through the Vale of Misery use it for a well; *yea, the early rain covereth it with blessings.* They go from strength to strength, *and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.* O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer: *hearken, O God of Jacob.* Behold, O God, our shield, *and look upon the face of thine anointed.* For one day in thy courts *is better than a thousand.* I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God, *than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.* For the LORD God is a light and defence; the LORD will give grace and glory; *and no good thing shall he withhold from them that lead a godly life.* O LORD God of hosts, *blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.* Amen. For one day in thy courts *is better than a thousand.*

COLLECT



LMIGHTY and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: 2 Kings 5:9–19

A reading from the Second Book of Kings.



O Naaman the Leper, a Syrian, came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha. And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean. But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the Lord his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper. Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage. And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean? Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and stood be-

fore him: and he said, Behold, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel: now therefore, I pray thee, take a blessing of thy servant. But he said, As the Lord liveth, before whom I stand, I will receive none. And he urged him to take it; but he refused. And Naaman said, Shall there not then, I pray thee, be given to thy servant two mules' burden of earth? for thy servant will henceforth offer neither burnt offering nor sacrifice unto other gods, but unto the Lord. In this thing the Lord pardon thy servant, that when my master goeth into the house of Rimmon to worship there, and he leaneth on my hand, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon: when I bow down myself in the house of Rimmon, the Lord pardon thy servant in this thing. And he said unto him, Go in peace.

GRADUAL PSALM: 95:1-3



COME, let us sing unto the LORD: let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and show ourselves glad in him with psalms. For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

EPISTLE: Galatians 5:25-6:5

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Galatians.



IF we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not be desirous of vain-glory, provoking one another,

envying one another. Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou be also tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another; for every man shall bear his own burden.

GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Luke.



AND it came to pass, as Jesus went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off: and they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go, show yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass that, as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks; and he was a Samaritan. And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger. And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way, thy faith hath made thee whole.

Trinity 15

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

INTROIT PSALM: 86:1-7



BOW down thine ear, O LORD, and hear me; *for I am poor and needy*. Preserve thou my soul, for I am godly: *save thy servant that putteth his trust in thee*. Thou art my God; be merciful unto me, O Lord; *for all the day long do I call upon thee*. Comfort the soul of thy servant; *for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul*. For thou, Lord, art good and gracious, *and of great mercy unto all them that call upon thee*. Give ear, LORD, unto my prayer, *and ponder the voice of my humble desires*. In the time of my trouble I will call upon thee; *for thou hearest me*.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen*. Bow down thine ear, O LORD, and hear me; *for I am poor and needy*.

COLLECT



KEEP, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: *Joshua 24:14-25*

A reading from the Book of Joshua.



JOSHUA said to the people: Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and

serve ye the Lord. And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the Lord, to serve other gods; for the Lord our God, he it is that brought us up and our fathers out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and which did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way wherein we went, and among all the people through whom we passed: and the Lord drave out from before us all the people, even the Amorites which dwelt in the land: therefore will we also serve the Lord; for he is our God. And Joshua said unto the people, Ye cannot serve the Lord: for he is an holy God; he is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins. If ye forsake the Lord, and serve strange gods, then he will turn and do you hurt, and consume you, after that he hath done you good. And the people said unto Joshua, Nay; but we will serve the Lord. And Joshua said unto the people, Ye are witnesses against yourselves that ye have chosen you the Lord, to serve him. And they said, We are witnesses. Now therefore put away, said he, the strange gods which are among you, and incline your heart unto the Lord God of Israel. And the people said unto Joshua, The Lord our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey. So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and set them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem.

GRADUAL PSALM: 92:1-4

Tis a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy Name, O thou Most High; To tell of thy loving-kindness in the morning, and of thy faithfulness in the night-season; Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the lute, with a melody upon the harp. For thou, LORD, hast made me glad through thy works; and I will rejoice in giving praise for the operations of thy hands.

EPISTLE: Galatians 6:11-18

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Galatians.

I see with what large letters I write unto you with my own hand. As many as desire to make a fair show in the flesh, they constrain you to be circumcised; only lest they should suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For neither they themselves who are circumcised keep the law; but desire to have you circumcised, that they may glory in your flesh. But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. From henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

GOSPEL: Matthew 6:24-34

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Matthew.

NO man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and Mammon. Therefore I say unto you, Be not anxious about your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air; for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? Which of you by being anxious can add one cubit unto his stature? And why be ye anxious concerning raiment? Consider the lilies of the field how they grow: they toil not, neither do they spin: and yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to-day is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven; shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore be not anxious, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Be ye not therefore anxious about the morrow; for the morrow shall take care for itself: sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

Trinity 16

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

INTROIT PSALM: 146:1–6



RAISE the LORD, O my soul; while I live will I praise the LORD: *yea, as long as I have any being, I will sing praises unto my God.* O PUT not your trust in princes nor in any child of man; *for there is no help in them.* For when the breath of man goeth forth, he shall turn again to his earth: *and then all his thoughts perish.* Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, *and whose hope is in the LORD his God; Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is; who keepeth his promise for ever; Who helpeth them to right that suffer wrong; who feedeth the hungry.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* Praise the LORD, O my soul; while I live will I praise the LORD: *yea, as long as I have any being, I will sing praises unto my God.*

COLLECT



LORD, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: Deuteronomy 7:6–9

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.



THOU art an holy people unto the Lord thy God: the Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth. The Lord did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people: but because the Lord loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the Lord brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations.

GRADUAL PSALM: 146:7–10



THE LORD looseth men out of prison: *the LORD giveth sight to the blind.* The LORD raiseth up them that are fallen: *the LORD loveth the righteous.* The LORD careth for the strangers; he upholdeth the fatherless and widow: *as for the way of the ungodly, he turneth it upside down.* The Lord thy God, O Sion, shall be King for evermore, *and throughout all generations.*

EPISTLE: *Ephesians 3:13–21*

*A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the
Apostle to the Ephesians.*



DESIRE that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory. For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints, what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

GOSPEL: *Luke 7:11–17*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint Luke.*



AND it came to pass the day after, that Jesus went into a city called Nain; and many of his disciples went with him, and much people. Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and much people of the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. And he came and touched the bier; and they that bare him stood still: and he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak: and he delivered him to his mother. And there came a fear on all, and they glorified God, saying, that a great Prophet is risen up among us, and that God hath visited his people. And this rumour of him went forth throughout all Judaea, and throughout all the region round about.

Trinity 17

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

INTROIT PSALM: 119:137-144



RIGHTEOUS art thou, O LORD, and true are thy judgements. The testimonies that thou hast commanded are exceeding righteous and true. My zeal hath even consumed me; because mine enemies have forgotten thy words. Thy word is tried to the uttermost, and thy servant loveth it. I am small and of no reputation; yet do I not forget thy precepts. Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth. Trouble and heaviness have taken hold upon me; yet is my delight in thy commandments. The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting: O grant me understanding, and I shall live.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Righteous art thou, O LORD, and true are thy judgements.

COLLECT



LORD, we pray thee that thy grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: *Ezekiel 37:21-28*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel.



THUS saith the Lord God; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land: and I will make

them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all: neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwellingplaces, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God. And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them. And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and my servant David shall be their prince for ever. Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore. My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And the heathen shall know that I the Lord do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore.

GRADUAL PSALM: 131



LORD, I am not high-minded: *I have no proud looks.* I do not exercise myself in great matters, *which are too high for me.* But I calm my soul and keep it quiet, like a weaned child with his mother: *yea, my soul is even as a weaned child.* O Israel, trust in the LORD, *from this time forth for evermore.*

EPISTLE: *Ephesians 4:1–6*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Ephesians.



THEREFORE the prisoner of the Lord beseech you, that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

GOSPEL: *Luke 14:1–11*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Luke.



IT came to pass, as Jesus went into the house of one of the chief Pharisees to eat bread on the sabbath day, that they watched him. And behold, there was a certain man before him which had the dropsy. And Jesus answering spake unto the Lawyers and Pharisees, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath day? And they held their peace. And he took him, and healed him, and let him go; and answered them, saying, Which of you shall have an ass, or an ox, fallen into a pit, and will not straightway pull him out on the sabbath day? And they could not answer him again to these things. And he put forth a parable to those which were bidden, when he marked how they chose out the chief seats, saying unto them, When thou art bidden of any man to a wedding, sit not down in the chief seat; lest a more honourable man than thou be bidden of him; and he that bade thee and him come and say to thee, Give this man place; and thou begin with shame to take the lowest seat. But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest seat; that, when he that bade thee cometh, he may say unto thee, Friend, go up higher: then shalt thou have glory in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee. For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

Trinity 18

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

INTROIT PSALM: 122:1–5



WAS glad when they said unto me, 'We will go unto the house of the LORD.' Behold, our feet now stand *within thy gates*, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity in itself; Whither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the LORD, *as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the LORD*. For there were set the thrones for judgement, *even the thrones of the house of David*.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* I was glad when they said unto me, 'We will go unto the house of the LORD.'

COLLECT



ORD, we beseech thee, grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: 2 Samuel 7:8–14

A reading from the Second Book of Samuel.



OW therefore so shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the Lord of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel: and I was with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies out of thy sight, and have made thee a great name, like unto the name of the great men that are in the earth. Moreover I will appoint a place for my people Israel,

and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as beforetime, and as since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel, and have caused thee to rest from all thine enemies. Also the Lord telleth thee that he will make thee an house.

And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever. I will be his father, and he shall be my son.

GRADUAL PSALM: 122:6–9



PRAY for the peace of Jerusalem: *may they prosper that love thee*. Peace be within thy walls, and *plenteousness within thy palaces*. For my brethren and companions' sakes, *I will wish thee prosperity*. Yea, because of the house of the LORD our God, *I will seek to do thee good*.

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 1:4–8

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians.



THANK my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; that in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge; even as the witness of Christ was confirmed in you; so that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, who also

shall confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL: *Mark 12:28–37*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint Mark.*



AND one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all? And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first commandment; and the second is like it, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment

greater than these. And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he; and to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbour as himself, is better than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices. And when Jesus saw that he answered intelligently, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God. And after that no one dared to ask him any question. And Jesus answered and said, while he was teaching in the temple, How say the scribes that the Christ is the son of David? For David himself saith by the Holy Spirit, The LORD said unto my lord, Sit thou on my right hand, Until I make thine enemies thy footstool. David himself calleth him his lord; how then can he be his son? And the common people heard him gladly.

Trinity 19

The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

INTROIT PSALM: 138

LORD, with my whole heart: *even before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.* I will worship toward thy holy temple and praise thy Name, because of thy loving-kindness and truth; *for thou hast magnified thy Name and thy word above all things.* When I called upon thee, thou heardest me, *and enduedst my soul with much strength.* ALL the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O LORD; *for they have heard the words of thy mouth.* Yea, they shall sing of the ways of the LORD; *for great is the glory of the LORD.* For though the LORD be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: *as for the proud, he beholdeth them afar off.* Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shalt thou refresh me: *thou shalt stretch forth thy hand upon the fury of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.* The LORD shall fulfil his purpose toward me: *yea, thy mercy, O LORD, endureth for ever; forsake not then the works of thine own hands.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.* Amen. I will worship toward thy holy temple and praise thy Name, because of thy loving-kindness and truth; *for thou hast magnified thy Name and thy word above all things.*

COLLECT

GOD, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee: Mercifully grant, that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: *Proverbs 2:1–10, 20–22*

A reading from the Book of Proverbs.

MY son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; so that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; if thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly. He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints. Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path. When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul.

So thou mayest walk in the way of good men, and keep the paths of the righteous. For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it. But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it.

GRADUAL PSALM: 103:1–5

PRAISE the LORD, O my soul: *and all that is within me praise his holy Name.* Praise the LORD, O my soul: *and forget not all his benefits;* Who forgiveth all thy sin, *and healeth all thine infirmities;* Who saveth thy life from destruction, *and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness;* Who satisfieth thy

mouth with good things, *making thee young and lusty as an eagle.*

EPISTLE: *Ephesians 4:17–32*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Ephesians.

THIS I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind; having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart: who, being past feeling, have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. But ye have not so learned Christ; if so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: that ye put off, concerning your former manner of life, the old manhood, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; and be renewed in the spirit of your mind; and that ye put on the new manhood, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. Wherefore, putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. Be ye angry and yet sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: neither give place to the devil. Let him that stole steal no more; but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. Let no evil speech proceed out of your mouth, but

that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil-speaking, be put away from you, with all malice. And be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

GOSPEL: *Matthew 9:1–8*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Matthew.

JESUS entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into his own city. And behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed. And Jesus, seeing their faith, said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, be of good cheer, thy sins be forgiven thee. And behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth. And Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee? or to say, Arise, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house. And he arose, and departed to his house. But when the multitude saw it, they marvelled, and glorified God, who had given such power unto men.

Trinity 20

The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

INTROIT PSALM: 145:1-13



WILL magnify thee, my God and King: *and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.* Every day will I give thanks unto thee, *and praise thy Name for ever and ever.* Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised; *there is no end of his greatness.* One generation shall praise thy works unto another, *and declare thy mighty deeds.* As for me, I will be talking of thy worship, *thy glory, thy praise, and wondrous works.* And men shall speak of the might of thy marvellous acts; *and I will also tell of thy greatness.* The memorial of thy abundant kindness shall be showed; *and men shall sing of thy righteousness.* The LORD is gracious and merciful, *longsuffering, and of great kindness.* The LORD is loving unto all: *and his mercies are over all his works.* All thy works praise thee, O LORD, *and thy saints give thanks unto thee.* They show the glory of thy kingdom, *and talk of thy power;* That thy power, thy glory, and the mightiness of thy kingdom *might be known unto men.* Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, *and thy dominion endureth throughout all ages.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* I will magnify thee, my God and King: *and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.*

COLLECT



ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, of thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech thee, from all things that may hurt us; that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish

those things that thou wouldest have done; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: *Proverbs 1:20-33*

A reading from the Book of Proverbs.



WISDOM crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets: she crieth in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates: in the city she uttereth her words, saying, How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorers delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge? Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.

Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; but ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; when your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: for that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord: they would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices. For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them. But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

GRADUAL PSALM: 145:14–17

THE LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. The LORD upholdeth all such as fall, and lifteth up all those that are down. The eyes of all wait upon thee, and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thy hand, and fillest all things living with plenteousness.

EPISTLE: *Ephesians* 5:15–20

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Ephesians.

BEE then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs; singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

GOSPEL: *Matthew* 22:1–14

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Matthew.

JESUS said, The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, who made a marriage for his son; and sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding; and they would not come. Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready; come unto the marriage. But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise: and the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them. But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth; and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burnt up their city. Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they who were bidden were not worthy. Go ye therefore into the high-ways, and as many as ye shall find bid to the marriage. So those servants went out into the high-ways, and gathered together all, as many as they found, both bad and good; and the wedding was furnished with guests. And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding-garment. And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither, not having a wedding-garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen.

Trinity 21

The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

INTROIT PSALM: 119:1-8



BLESSED are those that are undefiled in the way, *and walk in the law of the LORD.* Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, *and seek him with their whole heart;* Even they that do no wickedness, *but walk in his ways.* Thou hast ordained thy precepts *that we should diligently keep them.* O that my ways were made so direct *that I might keep thy statutes!* So shall I not be confounded, *while I have respect unto all thy commandments.* I will thank thee with an unfeigned heart, *when I shall have learned the judgements of thy righteousness.* I will keep thy statutes: *O forsake me not utterly.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* Blessed are those that are undefiled in the way, *and walk in the law of the LORD.*

COLLECT



BARRANT, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace; that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: *Isaiah 11:1-5*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.



AND there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: and the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and

of the fear of the Lord; and shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: but with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

GRADUAL PSALM: 114:1-4



WHEN Israel came out of Egypt, *and the house of Jacob from among the strange people,* Judah was his sanctuary, *and Israel his dominion.* The sea saw that, and fled; *Jordan was driven back.* The mountains skipped like rams, *and the little hills like young sheep.*

EPISTLE: *Ephesians 6:10-20*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Ephesians.



Y brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and, having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth; and having on the breast-plate of righteousness; and your

feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the evil one: and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance, and supplication for all saints; and for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the Gospel, for which I am an ambassador in bonds; that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

GOSPEL: *John 4:46–54*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint John.*



HERE was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judaea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down and heal his son; for he was at the point of death. Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe. The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die. Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way, thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way. And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told him, saying, Thy son liveth. Then inquired he of them the hour when he began to amend: and they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him. So the father knew that it was at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth; and himself believed, and his whole house. This is again the second sign that Jesus did, when he was come out of Judaea into Galilee.

Trinity 22

The Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity

INTROIT PSALM: 130



UT of the deep have I called unto thee, O LORD; *Lord, hear my voice.* O let thine ears consider well *the voice of my complaint.* If thou, LORD, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, O *Lord, who may abide it?* But there is forgiveness with thee; *therefore shalt thou be feared.* I look for the LORD; my soul doth wait for him: *in his word is my trust.* My soul looketh for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, *yea, more than watchmen for the morning.* O Israel, trust in the LORD, for with the LORD there is mercy, *and with him is plenteous redemption.* And he shall redeem Israel *from all his sins.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* If thou, LORD, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, O *Lord, who may abide it?*

COLLECT



LORD, we beseech thee to keep thy house hold the Church in continual godliness; that through thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve thee in good works, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: *Isaiah 2:10–18*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.



ENTER into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of his majesty. The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day. For the day of the Lord of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low: and upon all the cedars of Lebanon, that are high and lifted up, and upon all the oaks of Bashan, and upon all the high mountains, and upon all the hills that are lifted up, and upon every high tower, and upon every fenced wall, and upon all the ships of Tarshish, and upon all pleasant pictures. And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low: and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day. And the idols he shall utterly abolish.

GRADUAL PSALM: 133



BEHOLD, how good and joyful a thing it is *for brethren to dwell together in unity!* It is like the precious oil upon the head, that ran down unto the beard, *even unto Aaron's beard, and went down to the collar of his clothing;* Like as the dew of Hermon, *which falleth upon the hills of Sion.* For there the LORD promised his blessing, *even life for evermore.*

EPISTLE: *Philippians 1:3–11*

*A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the
Apostle to the Philippians.*



THANK my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, for your fellowship in the Gospel from the first day until now; being confident of this very thing, that he who hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ; even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defence and confirmation of the Gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace. For God is my witness, how greatly I long after you all in the mercies of Jesus Christ. And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgement: that ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere, and without offence, till the day of Christ: being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ unto the glory and praise of God.

GOSPEL: *Matthew 18:21–35*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint Matthew.*



PETER said unto Jesus, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, until seven times; but until seventy times seven.

Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants. And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents. But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. The servant therefore fell on his face before him, and said, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt. But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellow-servants, which owed him an hundred pence; and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest. And his fellow-servant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. And he would not; but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow-servants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done. Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: shouldst not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee? And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

Trinity 23

The Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity

INTROIT PSALM: 121



WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills: O whence cometh my help? My help cometh even from the LORD, *who hath made heaven and earth*. HE will not suffer thy foot to be moved: *and he that keepeth thee will not sleep*. Behold, he that keepeth Israel *shall neither slumber nor sleep*. The LORD himself is thy keeper: *the LORD is thy defence upon thy right hand*; So that the sun shall not burn thee by day, *neither the moon by night*. The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: *yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul*. The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in, *from this time forth for evermore*.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end*. Amen. The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: *yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul*.

COLLECT



GOD, our refuge and strength, who art the author of all godliness: Be ready, we beseech thee, to hear the devout prayers of thy Church; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: *Haggai 2:4–9*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Haggai.



BE strong, all ye people of the land, saith the Lord, and work: for I am with you, saith the Lord of hosts: according to the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, so my spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not.

For thus saith the Lord of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; and I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts. The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the Lord of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of hosts.

GRADUAL PSALM: 24:7–10



LIFT up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; *and the King of glory shall come in*. Who is the King of glory? *it is the LORD strong and mighty, even the LORD mighty in battle*. Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; *and the King of glory shall come in*. Who is the King of glory? *even the LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory*.

EPISTLE: *Philippians 3:17–21*

*A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the
Apostle to the Philippians.*

BRETHREN, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an example. (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ; whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.) For our citizenship is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ; who shall change this lowly body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

GOSPEL: *Matthew 22:15–22*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint Matthew.*

WHEN went the Pharisees and took counsel how they might entangle him in his talk. And they sent out unto him their disciples, with the Herodians, saying, Master, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest thou for any man: for thou regardest not the person of men. Tell us therefore, what thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not? But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites? show me the tribute-money. And they brought unto him a penny. And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's. When they had heard these words, they marvelled, and left him, and went their way.

Trinity 24

The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity

INTROIT PSALM: 147:1-II

LESSON: *Ezekiel 47:1-12*

PRAISE the LORD, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God: *yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.* The LORD doth build up Jerusalem, *and gather together the outcasts of Israel.* He healeth those that are broken in heart, *and bindeth up their wounds.* He telleth the number of the stars, *and calleth them all by their names.* Great is our Lord, and great is his power: *yea, and his wisdom is infinite.* The LORD setteth up the meek, *and bringeth the ungodly down to the ground.* O sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving: *sing praises upon the harp unto our God;* Who covereth the heaven with clouds, and prepareth rain for the earth, *and maketh grass to grow upon the mountains, and herb for the use of men;* Who giveth fodder unto the cattle, *and feedeth the young ravens that call upon him.* He hath no pleasure in the strength of an horse, *neither delighteth he in any man's legs.* But the LORD's delight is in them that fear him, *and put their trust in his mercy.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* The LORD's delight is in them that fear him, *and put their trust in his mercy.*

COLLECT



LORD, we beseech thee, absolve thy people from their offences; that through thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel.




AFTERWARD he brought me again unto the door of the house; and, behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward: for the forefront of the house stood toward the east, and the waters came down from under from the right side of the house, at the south side of the altar. Then brought he me out of the way of the gate northward, and led me about the way without unto the utter gate by the way that looketh eastward; and, behold, there ran out waters on the right side. And when the man that had the line in his hand went forth eastward, he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the waters were to the ankles. Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through the waters; the waters were to the knees. Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through; the waters were to the loins. Afterward he measured a thousand; and it was a river that I could not pass over: for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over.

And he said unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen this? Then he brought me, and caused me to return to the brink of the river. Now when I had returned, behold, at the bank of the river were very many trees on the one side and on the other. Then said he unto me, These waters issue out toward the east country, and go down into the desert, and go into the sea: which being brought forth into the sea, the waters shall be healed. And it shall come to pass, that every thing that liveth, which moveth, whithersoever the rivers shall come,


shall live: and there shall be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come thither: for they shall be healed; and every thing shall live whither the river cometh. And it shall come to pass, that the fishers shall stand upon it from En-gedi even unto En-eglaim; they shall be a place to spread forth nets; their fish shall be according to their kinds, as the fish of the great sea, exceeding many. But the miry places thereof and the marishes thereof shall not be healed; they shall be given to salt. And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow all trees for meat, whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the fruit thereof be consumed: it shall bring forth new fruit according to his months, because their waters they issued out of the sanctuary: and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for medicine.

GRADUAL PSALM: 147:12–15

 RAISE the LORD, O Jerusalem: *praise thy God, O Sion.* For he hath made fast the bars of thy gates, *and hath blessed thy children within thee.* He maketh peace in thy borders, *and filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.* He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth; *and his word runneth very swiftly.*

EPISTLE: *Colossians 1:3–12*


A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Colossians.

 E give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints; for the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the Gospel; which is come unto you, as it is in all the world, and bringeth forth fruit and increaseth, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth. As ye also

learned of Epaphras, our dear fellow-servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf; who also declared unto us your love in the Spirit. For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you and make request that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding: that ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light.

GOSPEL: *Matthew 9:18–26*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Matthew.

 HILE Jesus spake these things unto John's disciples, behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead; but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live. And Jesus arose, and followed him, and so did his disciples. And behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment: for she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole. But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort, thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour. And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the minstrels and the people making a noise, he said unto them, Give place; for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn. But when the people were put forth, he went in, and took her by the hand, and the maid arose. And the fame hereof went abroad into all that land.

Sunday before Advent

The Last Sunday of Trinity Season

The Sunday which falls on November 20–26

INTROIT PSALM: 85:1–7



LORD, thou art become gracious unto thy land: *thou hast restored the fortunes of Jacob.* Thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people, *and covered all their sin.* Thou hast taken away all thy displeasure, *and turned thyself from thy wrathful indignation.* Turn us, O God our Saviour, *and let thine anger cease from us.* Wilt thou be displeased at us for ever? *and wilt thou stretch out thy wrath from one generation to another?* Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us, *that thy people may rejoice in thee?* O LORD, show thy mercy upon us, *and grant us thy salvation.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us, *that thy people may rejoice in thee?*

COLLECT



LITURGICAL up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In services with only two readings, use the Lesson rather than the Epistle.

LESSON: *Jeremiah 23:5–8*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.



BEHOLD, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgement and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, The Lord Our Righteousness. Therefore behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that they shall no more say, The LORD liveth, which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; but, The LORD liveth, which brought up, and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north-country, and from all countries whither I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land.

GRADUAL PSALM: 85:8–13



LITURGICAL will hearken what the LORD God will say: *for he shall speak peace unto his people and to his saints, and unto them that turn their heart to him.* Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him, *that glory may dwell in our land.* Mercy and truth are met together: *righteousness and peace have kissed each other.* Truth springeth out of the earth; *and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.* Yea, the LORD shall give what is good; *and our land shall yield her increase.* Righteousness shall go before him, *and shall direct his going in the way.*

EPISTLE: *Colossians 1:13–20*

*A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the
Apostle to the Colossians.*



OD hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: in whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: for by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: and he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the pre-eminence. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell; and, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

GOSPEL: *John 1:35–45*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint John.*



JOHN the Baptist stood, with two of his disciples; and looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God! And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, What seek ye? They said unto him, Rabbi (which is, being interpreted, Master), where dwellest thou? He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first findeth his own brother, Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah (which is, being interpreted, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of John: thou shalt be called Cephas (which is, by interpretation, A stone). The day following, Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me. Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.

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Holy Days

The Festivals of the Christian Year

St Andrew

November 30

INTROIT PSALM: 92:1-4



It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, *and to sing praises unto thy Name, O thou Most High; To tell of thy loving-kindness in the morning, and of thy faithfulness in the night-season; Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the lute, with a melody upon the harp. For thou, LORD, hast made me glad through thy works; and I will rejoice in giving praise for the operations of thy hands.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, *and to sing praises unto thy Name, O thou Most High.*

COLLECT



ALMIGHTY God, who didst give such grace unto thy holy Apostle Saint Andrew, that he readily obeyed the calling of thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed him without delay: Grant unto us all, that we, being called by thy holy word, may forthwith give up ourselves obediently to fulfil thy holy commandments; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: Zechariah 8:20-23

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Zechariah.



THUS saith the Lord of hosts; It shall yet come to pass, that there shall come people, and the inhabitants of many cities: and the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily

to pray before the Lord, and to seek the Lord of hosts: I will go also. Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the Lord. Thus saith the Lord of hosts; In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you.

GRADUAL PSALM: 92:12-15



THE righteous shall flourish like a palm-tree, *and shall spread abroad like a cedar in Lebanon.* Such as are planted in the house of the LORD *shall flourish in the courts of our God.* They shall still bring forth fruit in old age, *and shall be full of sap and flourishing;* That they may show how true the LORD is; *he is my strength, and there is no unrighteousness in him.*

EPISTLE: Romans 10:8-18

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Romans.



WHAT saith the Scripture? Near is the word, in thy mouth and in thy heart, even the word which we proclaim. If thou shalt confess with thy mouth that Jesus is Lord, and shalt believe in thy heart that God raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved; for with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the Scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be put to shame. For there is no difference between

Jew and Greek; for the same Lord of all is rich unto all that call upon him; for Whosoever shall call upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved.

How then shall they call upon him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they be sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that bring glad tidings of good things! But they have not all obeyed the Gospel; for Isaiah saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. And yet I say, Have they not heard? Yea, verily, Their sound went out into all the earth, And their words unto the ends of the world.

GOSPEL: *Matthew 4:18–22*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint Matthew.*



ESUS, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishers. And he saith unto them, Follow me; and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets, and followed him. And going on from thence he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them. And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.

St Thomas

December 21

INTROIT PSALM: 139:1-11



LORD, thou hast searched me out and known me: *thou knowest my down-sitting and mine up-rising; thou understandest my thoughts from afar.* Thou art about my path and about my bed, *and art acquainted with all my ways.* For lo, there is not a word in my tongue, *but thou, O LORD, knowest it altogether.* Thou hast beset me behind and before, *and laid thine hand upon me.* Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me: *I cannot attain unto it.* Wither shall I go then from thy spirit? *or whither shall I flee from thy presence?* If I climb up into heaven, thou art there: *if I go down to hell, thou art there also.* If I take the wings of the morning, *and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,* Even there also shall thy hand lead me, *and thy right hand shall hold me.* If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me, *and the light about me become night'*, Yet even the darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day: *the darkness and light to thee are both alike.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.* Amen. Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me: *I cannot attain unto it.*

COLLECT



LMIGHTY and everliving God, who for the more confirmation of the faith didst suffer thy holy Apostle Thomas to be doubtful in thy Son's resurrection: Grant us so perfectly, and without all doubt, to believe in thy Son Jesus Christ, that our faith in thy sight may never be reprov'd. Hear us, O

Lord, through the same Jesus Christ, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for evermore. Amen.

LESSON: Job 42:1-6

A reading from the Book of Job.



WHEN Job answered the Lord, and said, I know that thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be withholden from thee. Who is he that hideth counsel without knowledge? therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not. Hear, I beseech thee, and I will speak: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me. I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.

GRADUAL PSALM: 30:1-5



WILL magnify thee, O LORD, for thou hast set me up, *and not made my foes to triumph over me.* O LORD my God, I cried unto thee, *and thou hast healed me.* Thou, LORD, hast brought up my soul from hell: *thou hast kept my life from them that go down to the pit.* Sing praises unto the LORD, O ye saints of his; *and give thanks unto his holy Name.* For his wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye, and in his favour is life; *heaviness may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.*

EPISTLE: *Ephesians 2:19–22*

*A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the
Apostle to the Ephesians.*



OW therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner-stone; in whom all the building, fitly framed together, groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord; in whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

GOSPEL: *John 20:24–29*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint John.*



HOMAS, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe. And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side; and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord, and my God. Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed; blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

Conversion of St Paul

January 25

INTROIT PSALM: 126



WHEN the LORD restored the fortunes of Sion, *then were we like unto them that dream.* Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *and our tongue with joy.* Then said they among the nations, *'The LORD hath done great things for them.'* Yea, the LORD hath done great things for us already; *whereof we rejoice.* Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *as the rivers in the South.* They that sow in tears *shall reap in joy.* He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth his seed, *shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth his seed, *shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.*

COLLECT



GOD, who, through the preaching of the blessed Apostle Saint Paul, hast caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world: Grant, we beseech thee, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show forth our thankfulness unto thee for the same, by following the holy doctrine which he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: *Jeremiah 1:4–10*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.



WHEN the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

Then said I, Ah, Lord God! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child. But the Lord said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord. Then the Lord put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the Lord said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth. See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.

GRADUAL PSALM: 117



PRAISE the LORD, all ye nations: *laud him, all ye peoples.* For his merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us: *and the truth of the LORD endureth for ever. Praise the LORD.*

EPISTLE: *Acts 21:40–22:16*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.



PAUL stood on the stairs, and beckoned with the hand unto the people. And when there was made a great silence, he spake unto them in the Hebrew tongue, saying, Men, brethren, and fathers,

hear ye my defence which I make now unto you. And when they heard that he spake in the Hebrew tongue to them, they kept the more silence: and he saith, I am verily a man which am a Jew, born in Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, yet brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, and taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers, and was zealous toward God, as ye all are this day. And I persecuted this Way unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women. As also the high priest doth bear me witness, and all the estate of the elders: from whom also I received letters unto the brethren, and went to Damascus, to bring them which were there bound unto Jerusalem, for to be punished. And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey, and was come nigh unto Damascus about noon, suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me. And I fell unto the ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And I answered, Who art thou, Lord? And he said unto me, I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest. And they that were with me saw indeed the light, and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him that spake to me. And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said unto me, Arise, and go into Damascus; and there it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do. And when I could not see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of them that were with me, I came into Damascus. And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, having a good report of all the Jews which dwelt there,

came unto me, and stood, and said unto me, Brother Saul, receive thy sight. And the same hour I looked up upon him. And he said, The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know his will, and see that Just One, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth. For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard. And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

GOSPEL: *Luke 21:10-19*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint Luke.*



AND Jesus said unto his disciples, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven. But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake. And it shall turn to you for a testimony. Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer: for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist. And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolk, and friends; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake. But there shall not an hair of your head perish. In your patience possess ye your souls.

Presentation of Christ

And the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, commonly called Candlemas

February 2

INTROIT PSALM: 48:1-12



REAT is the LORD, and highly to be praised *in the city of our God*. His holy hill is a fair place, *and the joy of the whole earth*: Mount Sion of the uttermost parts of the north, *the city of the great King*. He hath made himself known in her citadels *as a sure refuge*. For lo, the kings of the earth were gathered, *and gone by together*. They marvelled to see such things; *they were astonished, and suddenly cast down*. Fear came there upon them, *and anguish, as upon a woman in her travail*; As when with the east wind *thou breakest the ships of the sea*. Like as we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God: *God upholdeth the same for ever*. We have thought on thy loving-kindness, O God, *in the midst of thy temple*. O God, according to thy Name, so is thy praise unto the world's end; *thy right hand is full of righteousness*. Let the mount Sion rejoice, and the daughters of Judah be glad, *because of thy judgements*.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen*. We have thought on thy loving-kindness, O God, *in the midst of thy temple*.

COLLECT



LMIGHTY and everliving God, we humbly beseech thy Majesty, that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in substance of our flesh, so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts, by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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LESSON: Malachi 3:1-5

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Malachi.



EHOLD, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple; even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in; behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap. And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness. Then shall the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the LORD, as in the days of old, and as in former years. And I will come near to you to judgement, and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the LORD of hosts.

GRADUAL PSALM: 48:13-15



ALK about Sion, and go round about her; *and count the towers thereof*. Mark well her bulwarks, consider her citadels, *that ye may tell them that come after*. For this God is our God for ever and ever: *he shall be our guide for evermore*.

EPISTLE: *Galatians 4:1-7*

*A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the
Apostle to the Galatians.*



OW I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; but is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father. Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world: but when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

GOSPEL: *Luke 2:22-40*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint Luke.*



ND when the days of her purification, according to the law of Moses, were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord; (as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;) and to offer a sacrifice, according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtle-doves, or two young pigeons. And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it

was revealed unto him by the Holy Spirit, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came by the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said,

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, According to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, And the glory of thy people Israel.

And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him. And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; (yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also;) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed. And there was one Anna a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher; she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity: and she was a widow of about fourscore and four years; which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem. And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee to their own city Nazareth. And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon him.

St Matthias

Apostle; February 24

INTROIT PSALM: 16:1-7



RESERVE me, O God, *for in thee have I put my trust.* I have said unto the LORD, 'Thou art my God: *I have no good apart from thee.*' All my delight is upon the saints that are in the earth, *and upon such as excel in virtue.* But they that run after another god *shall have great trouble.* Their drink-offerings of blood will I not offer, *neither make mention of their names within my lips.* The LORD himself is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: *thou shalt maintain my lot.* The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places: *yea, I have a goodly heritage.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* The LORD himself is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: *thou shalt maintain my lot.*

COLLECT



ALMIGHTY God, who into the place of the traitor Judas didst choose thy faithful servant Matthias to be of the number of the twelve Apostles: Grant that thy Church, being alway preserved from false Apostles, may be ordered and guided by faithful and true pastors; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: Exodus 24:1-4

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

AND God said unto Moses, Come up unto the Lord, thou, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel; and worship ye afar off. And Moses alone shall come near the Lord: but they shall not come nigh; neither shall the people go up with him.

And Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord, and all the judgments: and all the people answered with one voice, and said, All the words which the Lord hath said will we do. And Moses wrote all the words of the Lord, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar under the hill, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel.

GRADUAL PSALM: 80:8-II



THOU broughtest a vine out of Egypt; *thou didst drive out the nations, and plant it in.* Thou madest room for it; *and when it had taken root it filled the land.* The hills were covered with the shadow of it, *and the mighty cedars with the boughs thereof.* She stretched out her branches unto the sea, *and her boughs unto the River.*

EPISTLE: Acts 1:15-26

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

IN those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of the names together were about an hundred and twenty,) Men and brethren, this Scripture must needs have been

fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus: for he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry. Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels pushed out. And it was known unto all the dwellers at Jerusalem, insomuch as that field is called in their proper tongue, Akeldama, that is to say, The field of blood. For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, And let no man dwell therein; and His bishopric let another take.

Wherefore, of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection. And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, show which of these two thou hast chosen; that he may take his place in this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place. And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven Apostles.

GOSPEL: *John 15:1–11*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint John.*



AM the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

Annunciation

Of the Blessed Virgin Mary; March 25

INTROIT PSALM: 45:10–15

HEARKEN, O daughter, consider, and incline thine ear; *forget also thine own people and thy father's house*; So shall the king have pleasure in thy beauty; *since he is thy lord, bow thou down to him*. And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift: *even the rich among the people shall entreat thy favour*. The king's daughter within the palace is all glorious; *her clothing is of wrought gold*. She is brought to the king in raiment of needlework: *the virgins that be her fellows bear her company, and are brought unto thee*. With joy and gladness are they led along, *as they enter into the king's palace*.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen*. So shall the king have pleasure in thy beauty; *since he is thy lord, bow thou down to him*.

COLLECT

WE beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts; that, as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In services with only two readings, use the Lesson rather than the Epistle.

LESSON: *Isaiah 7:10–15*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

MOREOVER, the LORD spake again unto Ahaz, saying, Ask thee a sign of the LORD thy God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the LORD. And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a Virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good.

GRADUAL PSALM: 131

LORD, I am not high-minded: *I have no proud looks*. I do not exercise myself in great matters, *which are too high for me*. But I calm my soul and keep it quiet, like a weaned child with his mother: *yea, my soul is even as a weaned child*. O Israel, trust in the LORD, *from this time forth for evermore*.

EPISTLE: *Romans 5:12–21*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Romans.

WHEREFORE, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: (for until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over

them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come. But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification. For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: that as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL: *Luke 1:26–38*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint Luke.*



AND in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a Virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the Virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee. And she was troubled at this saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary; for thou hast found favour with God. And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a Son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; And the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David. And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; And of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Spirit shall come upon thee, And the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: Therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee Shall be called the Son of God. And behold, thy cousin Elizabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age; and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren: for with God nothing shall be impossible. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

St Mark

Evangelist; April 25

INTROIT PSALM: 45:1-4



WILL magnify thee, my God and King: *and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.* Every day will I give thanks unto thee, *and praise thy Name for ever and ever.* Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised; *there is no end of his greatness.* One generation shall praise thy works unto another, *and declare thy mighty deeds.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* I will magnify thee, my God and King: *and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.*

COLLECT



ALMIGHTY God, who hast instructed thy holy Church with the heavenly doctrine of thy Evangelist Saint Mark: Give us grace, that, being not like children carried away with every blast of vain doctrine, we may be established in the truth of thy holy Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: *Ecclesiasticus 51:13-30*

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus.



HEN I was yet young, or ever I went abroad, I desired wisdom openly in my prayer. I prayed for her before the temple, and will seek her out even to the end. Even from the flower till the grape was ripe hath my heart delighted in her: my foot went the right way, from my youth up sought I after her. I bowed down mine ear a little, and

received her, and gat much learning. I profited therein, therefore will I ascribe glory unto him that giveth me wisdom. For I purposed to do after her, and earnestly I followed that which is good; so shall I not be confounded. My soul hath wrestled with her, and in my doings I was exact: I stretched forth my hands to the heaven above, and bewailed my ignorances of her. I directed my soul unto her, and I found her in pureness: I have had my heart joined with her from the beginning, therefore shall I not be forsaken. My heart was troubled in seeking her: therefore have I gotten a good possession. The Lord hath given me a tongue for my reward, and I will praise him therewith. Draw near unto me, ye unlearned, and dwell in the house of learning. Wherefore are ye slow, and what say ye to these things, seeing your souls are very thirsty? I opened my mouth, and said, Buy her for yourselves without money. Put your neck under the yoke, and let your soul receive instruction: she is hard at hand to find. Behold with your eyes, how that I have but little labour, and have gotten unto me much rest. Get learning with a great sum of money, and get much gold by her. Let your soul rejoice in his mercy, and be not ashamed of his praise. Work your work betimes, and in his time he will give you your reward.

GRADUAL PSALM: 119:9-16



HEREWITHAL shall a young man cleanse his way? *even by ruling himself after thy word.* With my whole heart have I sought thee; *O let me not go astray from thy commandments.* Thy word have I hid within my heart, *that I should not sin against thee.* Blessed

art thou, O LORD; O *teach me thy statutes*. With my lips have I been telling of *all the judgements of thy mouth*. I have had as great delight in the way of thy testimonies, *as in all manner of riches*. I will meditate upon thy precepts, *and have respect unto thy ways*. My delight shall be in thy statutes, *and I will not forget thy word*.

EPISTLE: *Ephesians 4:11-16*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Ephesians.



AND he gave some, Apostles; and some, Prophets and some, Evangelists; and some, Pastors and Teachers; for the perfecting of the saints for the work of the ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ; till we all come, in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: that we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; but speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him In all things, which is the head, even Christ: from whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body, unto the building up of itself in love.

GOSPEL: *Mark 13:1-10*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Mark.



AND as he went out of the temple, one of his disciples saith unto him, Master, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here! And Jesus answering said unto him, Seest thou these great buildings? there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down. And as he sat upon the mount of Olives over against the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign when all these things shall be fulfilled? And Jesus answering them began to say, Take heed lest any man deceive you: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And when ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be ye not troubled: for such things must needs be; but the end shall not be yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles: these are the beginnings of sorrows. But take heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten: and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them. And the gospel must first be published among all nations.

St Philip & St James

Apostles; May 1

INTROIT PSALM: 33:1–6



REJOICE in the LORD, O ye righteous; *for it becometh well the just to be thankful.* Praise the LORD with harp: *sing praises unto him with the lute, and instrument of ten strings.* Sing unto the LORD a new song: *sing praises lustily with a good courage.* For the word of the LORD is true, *and all his works are faithful.* He loveth righteousness and judgement: *the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.* By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, *and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* Rejoice in the LORD, O ye righteous; *for it becometh well the just to be thankful.*

COLLECTS



ALMIGHTY God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life; that, following the steps of thy holy Apostles, Saint Philip and Saint James, we may stedfastly walk in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Of the Brethren of the Lord (optional)

HEAVENLY Father, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning: We bless thy holy Name for the witness of James and Jude, the kinsmen of the Lord, and pray that we may be made true members of thy heavenly family; through him who willed to be the firstborn among many

brethren, even the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: *Malachi 3:16–18**A reading from the Book of the Prophet Malachi.*

WHEN they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.

GRADUAL PSALM: 89:5–8



LORD, the very heavens shall praise thy wondrous works, *and thy faithfulness in the congregation of the holy ones.* For who is he in the skies that shall be compared unto the LORD? *and what is he among the gods that shall be like unto the LORD?* God is very greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones, *and to be had in reverence above all them that are round about him.* O LORD God of hosts, who is like unto thee? *thy faithfulness, most mighty LORD, is on every side.*

EPISTLE: *James 1:1–12*

A reading from the Letter of Saint James.



JAMES, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting. My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into manifold temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering; for he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea, driven with the wind, and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways. Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted; but the rich in that he is made low; because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away. For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways. Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

GOSPEL: *John 14:1–14*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint John.



AND Jesus said unto his disciples, Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you: and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest, and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me. If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? He that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father? Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? The words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself; but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. Believe me, that I am in the Father, and the Father in me; or else believe me for the very works' sake. Verily, verily I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

St Barnabas

Apostle; June 11

INTROIT PSALM: 112

BLESSED is the man that feareth the LORD, *that hath great delight in his commandments.* His seed shall be mighty upon earth; *the generation of the faithful shall be blessed.* Riches and plenteousness shall be in his house; *and his righteousness endureth for ever.* Unto the upright there ariseth up light in the darkness; *he is merciful, loving, and righteous.* It is well with the man that is merciful and lendeth, *and ordereth his affairs with justice.* For he shall never be moved; *and the righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance,* He will not be afraid of any evil tidings; *for his heart standeth fast and believeth in the LORD.* His heart is established and will not shrink, *until he see his desire upon his enemies.* He hath dispersed abroad and given to the poor, *and his righteousness remaineth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.* The ungodly shall see it, and it shall grieve him: *he shall gnash with his teeth and consume away; the desire of the ungodly shall perish.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.* Amen. He hath dispersed abroad and given to the poor, *and his righteousness remaineth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.*

COLLECT

LORD God Almighty, who didst endure thy holy Apostle Barnabas with singular gifts of the Holy Spirit: Leave us not, we beseech thee, destitute of thy manifold gifts, nor yet of grace to use them alway to thy honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: *Job 29:11-16*

A reading from the Book of Job.

WHEN the ear heard me, then it blessed me; and when the eye saw me, it gave witness to me: because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him. The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me: and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy. I put on righteousness, and it clothed me: my judgment was as a robe and a diadem. I was eyes to the blind, and feet was I to the lame. I was a father to the poor: and the cause which I knew not I searched out.

GRADUAL PSALM: 145:8-13

THE LORD is gracious and merciful, *longsuffering, and of great kindness.* The LORD is loving unto all: *and his mercies are over all his works.* All thy works praise thee, O LORD, *and thy saints give thanks unto thee.* They show the glory of thy kingdom, *and talk of thy power;* That thy power, thy glory, and the mightiness of thy kingdom *might be known unto men.* Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, *and thy dominion endureth throughout all ages.*

EPISTLE: *Acts II:22–26*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.



LIDINGS of these things came unto the ears of the Church which was in Jerusalem; and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch. Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad; and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord. For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord. Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul. And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the Church, and taught much people: and the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

GOSPEL: *John 15:12–16*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint John.*



AND Jesus spake unto his disciples, saying, This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you. Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

St John Baptist

His Nativity; June 24

INTROIT PSALM: 46:1–8



GOD is our hope and strength, *a very present help in trouble*. Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be changed, *and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea*; Though the waters thereof rage and swell, *and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same*. The LORD of hosts is with us; *the God of Jacob is our refuge*. There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of God, *the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High*. God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be moved; *God shall help her, and that right early*. The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved; *but God uttereth his voice, and the earth doth melt away*. The LORD of hosts is with us; *the God of Jacob is our refuge*.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end*. Amen. The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved; *but God uttereth his voice, and the earth doth melt away*.

COLLECTS



ALMIGHTY God, by whose providence thy servant John Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of thy Son our Saviour, by preaching of repentance: Make us so to follow his doctrine and holy life, that we may truly repent according to his preaching, and after his example constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

When these readings are used for the Beheading of Saint John the Baptist, August 29



GOD, who didst send thy messenger, John the Baptist, to be the forerunner of the Lord, and to glorify thee by his death: Grant that we, who have received the truth of thy most holy Gospel, may bear our witness thereunto, and after his example constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In services with only two readings, use the Lesson rather than the Epistle.

LESSON: *Isaiah 40:1–11*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.



COMFORT ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned; for she hath received of the LORD's hand double for all her sins. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a high-way for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and it all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it. The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodness thereof is as the flower of the field. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, because the Spirit of the LORD bloweth

upon it: surely the people is grass. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; but the word of our God shall stand for ever. O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain: O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid: say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God. Behold, the Lord GOD will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. He shall feed his flock like a shepherd; he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

GRADUAL PSALM: 119:161-168

PRINCES have persecuted me without a cause; *but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.* I am as glad of thy word, *as one that findeth great spoil.* As for lies, I hate and abhor them; *but thy law do I love.* Seven times a day do I praise thee, *because of*

thy righteous judgements. Great is the peace that they have who love thy law; *and nothing shall lead them astray.* LORD, I have looked for thy saving health, *and done after thy commandments.* My soul hath kept thy testimonies, *and loved them exceedingly.* I have kept thy precepts and testimonies; *for all my ways are before thee.*

EPISTLE: Acts 13:23-26

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.



F David's seed hath God according to his promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus: when John had first preached before his coming the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. And as John fulfilled his course, he said, Whom think ye that I am? I am not he. But, behold, there cometh one after me, whose shoes of his feet I am not worthy to loose.

Men and brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and whosoever among you feareth God, to you is the word of this salvation sent.

GOSPEL: *Luke 1:57–80*

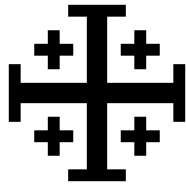
*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint Luke.*

LLIZABETH'S full time came that she should be delivered; and she brought forth a son. And her neighbours and her cousins heard how the Lord had showed great mercy upon her; and they rejoiced with her. And it came to pass, that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; and they called him Zacharias, after the name of his father. And his mother answered and said, Not so; but he shall be called John. And they said unto her, There is none of thy kindred that is called by this name. And they made signs to his father, how he would have him called. And he asked for a writing-table, and wrote, saying, His name is John. And they marvelled all. And his mouth was opened immediately, and his tongue loosed, and he spake, and praised God. And fear came on all that dwelt round about them; and all these sayings were noised abroad throughout all the hill-country of Judaea. And all they that had heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, What manner of child shall this be? And the hand of the Lord was with him. And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied,

saying,

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel: For he hath visited and redeemed his people, And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us In the house of his servant David; As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, Which have been since the world began; That we should be saved from our enemies, And from the hand of all that hate us; To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, And to remember his holy covenant; The oath which he sware to our father Abraham, That he would grant unto us, that we, being delivered out of the hands of our enemies, Might serve him without fear, In holiness and righteousness before him all the days of our life. And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest: For thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; To give knowledge of salvation unto his people, By the remission of their sins, Through the tender mercy of our God, Whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us; To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death; To guide our feet into the way of peace.

And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit; and was in the deserts till the day of his showing unto Israel.



Canada Day

July 1; also for other National Occasions

INTROIT PSALM: 46:1-8



GOD is our hope and strength, *a very present help in trouble*. Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be changed, *and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea*; Though the waters thereof rage and swell, *and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same*. The LORD of hosts is with us; *the God of Jacob is our refuge*. There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of God, *the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High*. God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be moved; *God shall help her, and that right early*. The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved; *but God uttereth his voice, and the earth doth melt away*. The LORD of hosts is with us; *the God of Jacob is our refuge*.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end*. Amen. The LORD of hosts is with us; *the God of Jacob is our refuge*.

COLLECTS



GOD, who didst lead the fathers of our nation into this land of Canada, and hast increased us by thy favour: Grant, we beseech thee, that we who now enter into their inheritance, may prove ourselves a people mindful of thy mercies and ready to do thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the King



GOD, who providest for thy people by thy power, and rulest over them in love: Vouchsafe so to bless thy ser-

vant our King, and his Government in this Dominion of Canada, that thy people may dwell in peace and safety, and thy Church serve thee in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*For the Nativity of Saint John Baptist, Patron
Saint of Canada*



ALmighty God, by whose providence thy servant John Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of thy Son our Saviour, by preaching of repentance: Make us so to follow his doctrine and holy life, that we may truly repent according to his preaching, and after his example constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: *Deuteronomy 17:14-20*

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.



WHEN thou art come unto the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, and shalt possess it, and shalt dwell therein, and shalt say, I will set a king over me, like as all the nations that are about me; thou shalt in any wise set him king over thee, whom the Lord thy God shall choose: one from among thy brethren shalt thou set king over thee: thou mayest not set a stranger over thee, which is not thy brother. But he shall not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt, to the end that he should multiply horses: forasmuch as the Lord hath said unto you, Ye shall henceforth return no more that way. Neither shall he multiply

wives to himself, that his heart turn not away: neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold. And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book out of that which is before the priests the Levites: and it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the Lord his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them: that his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the commandment, to the right hand, or to the left: to the end that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he, and his children, in the midst of Israel.

GRADUAL PSALM: 46:9–12

RRAISE the LORD, O Jerusalem: *praise thy God, O Sion.* For he hath made fast the bars of thy gates, *and hath blessed thy children within thee.* He maketh peace in thy borders, *and filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.* He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth; *and his word runneth very swiftly.*

EPISTLE: I Peter 2:11–17

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Peter.

EARLY beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul. Let your conduct among the Gentiles be honourable; that, whereas they speak against you as evil doers, they may, by your good works which they shall behold, glorify God in the day

of visitation. Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake; whether it be to the king, as supreme; or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him, for the punishment of evil doers, and for the praise of them that do well. For so is the will of God, that with well-doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: as free men, and not using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness; but as the servants of God. Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:16–22

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Matthew.

AND the Pharisees sent unto him their disciples, with the Herodians, saying, Master, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest thou for any man: for thou regardest not the person of men. Tell us therefore, what thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not? But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites? show me the tribute-money. And they brought unto him a penny. And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's. When they had heard these words, they marvelled, and left him, and went their way.

St Peter & St Paul (I)

Apostles; June 29

INTROIT PSALM: 87

HIS foundation is upon the holy hills: *the LORD loveth the gates of Sion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.* Very excellent things are spoken of thee, *thou city of God.* I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon, *as among them that know me.* Behold Philistia and Tyre, with Ethiopia; *lo, this one was born there.* Yea, of Sion it shall be said, 'This one and that one were born in her'; *and the Most High himself shall establish her.* The LORD shall reckon when he writeth up the peoples, *that this one was born there.* The singers also and dancers shall say, 'All my fresh springs are in thee.'

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* His foundation is upon the holy hills: *the LORD loveth the gates of Sion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.*

Or the Introit for the second service in the Octave of Saint Peter and Paul, page 256.

COLLECTS

ALMIGHTY God, who by thy Son Jesus Christ didst give to thy Apostle Saint Peter many excellent gifts, and commandedst him earnestly to feed thy flock: Make, we beseech thee, all Bishops and Pastors diligently to preach thy holy Word, and the people obediently to follow the same, that they may receive the crown of everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOD, who, through the preaching of the blessed Apostle Saint Paul, hast caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world: Grant, we beseech thee, that we, having his manifold labours in remembrance, may show forth our thankfulness unto thee for the same, by following the holy doctrine which he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: *Ezekiel 3:4–11*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel.

AND he said unto me, Son of man, go, get thee unto the house of Israel, and speak with my words unto them. For thou art not sent to a people of a strange speech and of an hard language, but to the house of Israel; not to many people of a strange speech and of an hard language, whose words thou canst not understand. Surely, had I sent thee to them, they would have hearkened unto thee. But the house of Israel will not hearken unto thee; for they will not hearken unto me: for all the house of Israel are impudent and hard-hearted. Behold, I have made thy face strong against their faces, and thy forehead strong against their foreheads. As an adamant harder than flint have I made thy forehead: fear them not, neither be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house.

Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, all my words that I shall speak unto thee receive in thine heart, and hear with thine ears. And go, get thee to them of the captivity, unto the children of thy people, and speak unto them, and

tell them, Thus saith the Lord God; whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear.

GRADUAL PSALM: 31:1-4



IN thee, O LORD, have I put my trust; *let me never be put to confusion; deliver me in thy righteousness.* Bow down thine ear to me; *make haste to deliver me,* And be thou my strong rock and house of defence, *that thou mayest save me.* For thou art my strong rock and my castle: *be thou also my guide, and lead me for thy Name's sake.*

Or the Gradual for the second service in the Octave of Saint Peter and Paul, page 256.

EPISTLE: I Peter 1:1-9

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Peter.



PETER, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be,

ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: that the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-19

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Matthew.



WHEN Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I, the Son of man, am? And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon son of John: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

St Peter & St Paul (II)

These readings may be used on any occasion throughout the Octave.

INTROIT PSALM: 18:1-7



LOVE thee, O LORD, my strength. *The LORD is my stony rock, my defence, and my Saviour; My God, and my might, in whom I will trust; my shield, the horn also of my salvation, and my refuge. I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised; so shall I be saved from mine enemies. The waves of death compassed me, and the floods of ungodliness made me afraid. The cords of hell came about me; the snares of death overtook me. In my trouble I called upon the LORD, and complained unto my God. So he heard my voice out of his holy temple, and my complaint before him entered into his ears.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. I love thee, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my stony rock, my defence, and my Saviour.*

Or the Introit for the Day of Saint Peter and Paul, page 254.

COLLECT



GOD, who didst give such grace unto thy holy Apostles Saint Peter and Saint Paul, that they were enabled to bear witness to the truth by their death: Grant unto thy Church that, as in the beginning it was enlightened by their teaching, so it may continue in the same unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

LESSON: Ezekiel 34:11-16

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel.



HUS saith the Lord God; Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out. As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day. And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie in a good fold, and in a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel. I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord God. I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick: but I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgment.

GRADUAL PSALM: 80:14-15



URN us again, O God of hosts; *show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.* Look down from heaven, behold, and visit this vine, and the stock that thy right hand hath planted, *and the branch that thou madest so strong for thyself.*

Or the Gradual for the Day of Saint Peter and Paul, page 254.

EPISTLE: *1 Corinthians 3:18–4:1*

*A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul the
Apostle to the Corinthians.*



LET no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness. And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain. Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours; whether Paul, or Apollos, or Peter, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours; and ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's. Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.

GOSPEL: *John 21:15–19*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint John.*



O when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of John, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of John, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of John, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep. Verily, verily I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not. This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me.

St Mary Magdalene

July 22

INTROIT PSALM: 139:1-II



LORD, thou hast searched me out and known me: *thou knowest my down-sitting and mine up-rising; thou understandest my thoughts from afar.* Thou art about my path and about my bed, *and art acquainted with all my ways.* For lo, there is not a word in my tongue, *but thou, O LORD, knowest it altogether.* Thou hast beset me behind and before, *and laid thine hand upon me.* Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me: *I cannot attain unto it.* Whither shall I go then from thy spirit? *or whither shall I flee from thy presence?* If I climb up into heaven, thou art there: *if I go down to hell, thou art there also.* If I take the wings of the morning, *and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,* Even there also shall thy hand lead me, *and thy right hand shall hold me.* If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me, *and the light about me become night'*, Yet even the darkness is no darkness with thee, *but the night is as clear as the day: the darkness and light to thee are both alike.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* Whither shall I go then from thy spirit? *or whither shall I flee from thy presence?*

COLLECT



ALMIGHTY God, whose blessed Son did sanctify Mary Magdalene, and call her to be a witness to his resurrection: Mercifully grant that by thy grace we may be healed of all our infirmities, and always serve thee in the power of his endless life; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

LESSON: Song of Songs 3:1-5

A reading from the Song of Songs.



BY night on my bed I sought him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I found him not. I will rise now, and go about the city in the streets, and in the broad ways I will seek him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I found him not. The watchmen that go about the city found me: to whom I said, Saw ye him whom my soul loveth? It was but a little that I passed from them, but I found him whom my soul loveth: I held him, and would not let him go, until I had brought him into my mother's house, and into the chamber of her that conceived me. I charge you, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, by the roes, and by the hinds of the field, that ye stir not up, nor awake my love, till he please.

GRADUAL PSALM: 30:1-5



WILL magnify thee, O LORD, for thou hast set me up, *and not made my foes to triumph over me.* O LORD my God, I cried unto thee, *and thou hast healed me.* Thou, LORD, hast brought up my soul from hell: *thou hast kept my life from them that go down to the pit.* Sing praises unto the LORD, O ye saints of his; *and give thanks unto his holy Name.* For his wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye, and in his favour is life; *heaviness may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.*

EPISTLE: Acts 13:27-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.



OR those who dwell in Jerusalem, and their rulers, though they found no cause of death in Jesus, yet desired they Pilate that he should be slain. And when they had fulfilled all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree, and laid him in a sepulchre. But God raised him from the dead: and he was seen many days by them which came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are his witnesses unto the people.

GOSPEL: John 20:11-18

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint John.



MARY stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre, and seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him. And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away. Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master. Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God. Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her.

St James

Apostle; July 25

INTROIT PSALM: 15



LORD, who shall dwell in thy tabernacle? or who shall rest upon thy holy hill? Even he that leadeth an uncorrupt life, and doeth the thing which is right, and speaketh the truth from his heart. He that hath used no deceit in his tongue, nor done evil to his neighbour, and hath not slandered his neighbour. He in whose eyes an ungodly man is despised but he maketh much of them that fear the LORD. He that sweareth unto his neighbour, and disappointeth him not, though it were to his own hindrance. He that hath not given his money upon usury, nor taken a bribe against the innocent. Whoso doeth these things shall never fall.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Whoso doeth these things shall never fall.

COLLECT



LRANT, O merciful God, that as thine holy Apostle Saint James, leaving his father and all that he had, without delay was obedient unto the calling of thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed him; so we, forsaking all worldly and carnal affections, may be evermore ready to follow thy holy commandments; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: *Jeremiah 45*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.



THE word that Jeremiah the prophet spake unto Baruch the son of Neriah, when he had written these words in a book at the mouth of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, saying, Thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel, unto thee, O Baruch; Thou didst say, Woe is me now! for the Lord hath added grief to my sorrow; I fainted in my sighing, and I find no rest. Thus shalt thou say unto him, The Lord saith thus; Behold, that which I have built will I break down, and that which I have planted I will pluck up, even this whole land. And seekest thou great things for thyself? seek them not: for, behold, I will bring evil upon all flesh, saith the Lord: but thy life will I give unto thee for a prey in all places whither thou goest.

GRADUAL PSALM: 149:1-6



SING unto the LORD a new song: let the congregation of saints praise him. Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: and let the children of Sion be joyful in their King. Let them praise his Name in the dance: let them sing praises unto him with timbrel and harp. For the LORD hath pleasure in his people, and adorneth the humble with salvation. Let the saints be joyful with glory: let them sing for joy upon their couches. Let the praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hands.

EPISTLE: *Acts II:27–12:3*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.



IN those days came prophets from Jerusalem unto Antioch. And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the Spirit, that there would be a great famine throughout all the world; which came to pass in the days of the Emperor Claudius. Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judaea: which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul. Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to do evil to certain of the Church. And he killed James the brother of John with the sword. And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also.

GOSPEL: *Mark 10:32–40*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint Mark.*



AND they were in the way going up to Jerusalem; and Jesus was going before them; and they were amazed; and as they followed, they were afraid. And he took

again the twelve, and began to tell them what things should happen unto him, saying, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be delivered unto the chief priests, and unto the scribes; and they shall condemn him to death, and shall deliver him to the Gentiles; and they shall mock him, and shall scourge him, and shall spit upon him, and shall kill him; and the third day he shall rise again. And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came, unto him, saying, Master, we would that thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall desire. And he said unto them, What would ye that I should do for you? They said unto him, Grant unto us that we may sit, one on thy right hand, it and the other on thy left hand, in thy glory. But Jesus said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask. Can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? And they said unto him, We can. And Jesus said unto them, Ye shall indeed drink of the cup that I drink of; and with the baptism that I am baptized withal shall ye be baptized: but to sit on my right hand and on my left hand is not mine to give; but it shall be given to them for whom it hath been prepared.

Transfiguration

August 6

INTROIT PSALM: 84:1-7



HOW lovely are thy dwellings, thou LORD of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the LORD: *my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.* Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: *even thine altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.* Blessed are they that dwell in thy house; *they will be always praising thee.* Blessed are the men whose strength is in thee, *in whose heart are the pilgrim ways;* Who going through the Vale of Misery use it for a well; *yea, the early rain covereth it with blessings.* They go from strength to strength, *and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* They go from strength to strength, *and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.*

COLLECT



GOD, who on the holy mount didst reveal to chosen witnesses thy well-beloved Son wonderfully transfigured: Mercifully grant unto us such a vision of his divine majesty, that we, being purified and strengthened by thy grace, may be transformed into his likeness from glory to glory; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: Exodus 33:18-34:7

A reading from the Book of Exodus.



AND Moses said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory. And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy. And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live. And the Lord said, Behold, there is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock: and it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a clift of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by: and I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back parts: but my face shall not be seen.

And the Lord said unto Moses, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first: and I will write upon these tables the words that were in the first tables, which thou brakest. And be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning unto mount Sinai, and present thyself there to me in the top of the mount. And no man shall come up with thee, neither let any man be seen throughout all the mount; neither let the flocks nor herds feed before that mount.

And he hewed two tables of stone like unto the first; and Moses rose up early in the morning, and went up unto mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tables of stone. And the Lord descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord. And the Lord passed by before him, and proclaimed, The Lord, The Lord God, merciful and gracious,

longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.

GRADUAL PSALM: 84:8–13



LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer: *hearken, O God of Jacob. Behold, O God, our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed. For one day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness. For the LORD God is a light and defence; the LORD will give grace and glory; and no good thing shall he withhold from them that lead a godly life. O LORD God of hosts, blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.*

EPISTLE: 2 Peter 1:16–21

A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Peter.



WE have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount. We have also a more sure word

of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: knowing this first, that no prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1–9

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Matthew.



AFTER six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, and was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. And behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elijah talking with him. Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah. While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; Hear ye him. And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid. And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid. And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only. And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead.

St Bartholomew

Apostle; August 24

INTROIT PSALM: 116:11-18



VHAT reward shall I give unto the LORD for all the benefits that he hath done unto me? I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the LORD. I will pay my vows unto the LORD in the presence of all his people. Right dear in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints. Behold, O LORD, how that I am thy servant: *I am thy servant and the son of thy handmaid; thou hast broken my bonds in sunder.* I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the Name of the LORD. I will pay my vows unto the LORD in the presence of all his people; Even in the courts of the LORD's house, and in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* Behold, O LORD, how that I am thy servant: *I am thy servant and the son of thy handmaid; thou hast broken my bonds in sunder.*

COLLECT



ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who didst give to thine Apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach thy Word: Grant, we beseech thee, unto thy Church, to love that Word which he believed, and both to preach and receive the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: Deuteronomy 18:15-19

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.



THE Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken; according to all that thou desiredst of the Lord thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not. And the Lord said unto me, They have well spoken that which they have spoken. I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.

GRADUAL PSALM: 97:10-12



YE that love the LORD, see that ye hate the thing which is evil; *the LORD preserveth the souls of his saints; he shall deliver them from the hand of the ungodly.* There is sprung up a light for the righteous, and joyful gladness for such as are true-hearted. Rejoice in the LORD, ye righteous; and give thanks unto his holy Name.

EPISTLE: *Acts 1:10–14*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.



AND ‘while they looked stedfastly toward heaven, as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come, in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day’s journey. And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode Peter and James and John and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Jude the brother of James. These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

GOSPEL: *Luke 22:24–30*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Luke.



HERE was a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest. And he said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called Benefactors. But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve. For which is greater, he that sitteth at the table, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at the table? but I am among you as he that serveth. Ye are they that have continued with me in my temptations. And I make a covenant with you, as my Father hath made a covenant with me, even a kingdom; that ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

St Matthew

Apostle; September 21

INTROIT PSALM: 119:65–72



LORD, thou hast dealt graciously with thy servant, *according unto thy word*. O teach me true understanding and knowledge; *for I have believed thy commandments*. Before I was troubled, I went wrong; *but now have I kept thy word*. Thou art good and gracious: O *teach me thy statutes*. The proud have imagined a lie against me; *but I will keep thy precepts with my whole heart*. Their heart is as fat as brawn; *but my delight hath been in thy law*. It is good for me that I have been in trouble, *that I may learn thy statutes*. The law of thy mouth is dearer unto me *than thousands of gold and silver*.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen*. The law of thy mouth is dearer unto me *than thousands of gold and silver*.

COLLECT



ALMIGHTY God, who by thy blessed Son didst call Matthew from the receipt of custom to be an Apostle and Evangelist: Grant us grace to forsake all covetous desires and inordinate love of riches, and to follow the same thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

LESSON: Isaiah 33:13–17

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.



HEAR, ye that are far off, what I have done; and, ye that are near, acknowledge my might. The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings? He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil; he shall dwell on high: his place of defence shall be the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure.

Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty: they shall behold the land that is very far off.

GRADUAL PSALM: 119:89–96



LORD, thy word *standeth fast for ever in the heavens*. Thy truth also remaineth from one generation to another: *thou hast laid the foundation of the earth, and it abideth*. They continue this day according to thine ordinances; *for all things serve thee*. If my delight had not been in thy law, *I should have perished in my trouble*. I will never forget thy precepts; *for with them thou hast quickened me*. I am thine, O save me; *for I have sought thy precepts*. The ungodly laid wait for me to destroy me; *but I will consider thy testimonies*. I see that all things come to an end; *but thy commandment is exceeding broad*.

EPISTLE: *2 Corinthians 4:1–6*

A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians.



HEREFORE seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; but have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. But if our Gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. For we preach not ourselves but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God, in the face of Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL: *Matthew 9:9–13*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Matthew.



AND as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him. And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came, and sat down with him and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners? But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

St Michael & All Angels

September 29

INTROIT PSALM: 103:19–22



HE LORD hath established his throne in heaven, *and his kingdom ruleth over all*. O praise the LORD, ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength, *ye that fulfil his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his word*. O praise the LORD, all ye his hosts, *ye servants of his that do his pleasure*. O speak good of the LORD, all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion: *praise thou the LORD, O my soul*.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end*. Amen. O praise the LORD, ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength, *ye that fulfil his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his word*.

COLLECT



EVERLASTING God, who hast ordained and constituted the services of Angels and men in a wonderful order: Mercifully grant that, as thy holy Angels always do thee service in heaven, so by thy appointment they may succour and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: *Isaiah 14:12–17*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.



OW art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation,

in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; that made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?

GRADUAL PSALM: 148:1–3



PRAISE the LORD from the heavens: *praise him in the heights*. Praise him, all ye angels of his: *praise him, all his host*. Praise him, sun and moon: *praise him, all ye stars of light*.

EPISTLE: *Revelation 12:7–11*

A reading from the Revelation to Saint John.



HERE was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not, neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the devil and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world; he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and power, and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the

Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

GOSPEL: *Matthew 18:1-10*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint Matthew.*



At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, and said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name, receiveth me. But whoso shall

offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe unto the world because of offences: for it must needs be that offences come: but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh. Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire. And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell-fire. Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

St Luke

Evangelist; October 18

INTROIT PSALM: 45:1-4



MY heart overfloweth with a good matter: I recite my verses for the king: *my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.*

Thou art fairer than the children of men; *full of grace are thy lips; therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.* Gird thee with thy sword upon thy thigh, O mighty one, *according to thy glory and thy majesty.* And in thy majesty ride on to victory in the cause of truth, and of meekness and righteousness; *and let thy right hand teach thee terrible deeds.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* My heart overfloweth with a good matter: I recite my verses for the king: *my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.*

COLLECT



ALMIGHTY God, who calledst Luke the Physician, whose praise is in the Gospel, to be an Evangelist, and Physician of the soul: May it please thee that, by the wholesome medicines of the doctrine delivered by him, all the diseases of our souls may be healed; through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: *Isaiah 43:8-13*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.



BRING forth the blind people that have eyes, and the deaf that have ears. Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled: who

among them can declare this, and shew us former things? let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified: or let them hear, and say, It is truth. Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I, even I, am the Lord; and beside me there is no saviour. I have declared, and have saved, and I have shewed, when there was no strange god among you: therefore ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, that I am God. Yea, before the day was I am he; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall let it?

GRADUAL PSALM: 37:31-32



THE mouth of the righteous is exercised in wisdom, *and his tongue will be talking of judgement.* The law of his God is in his heart, *and his goings shall not slide.*

EPISTLE: *2 Timothy 4:5-13*

A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to Timothy.



WATCH thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them that love

his appearing. Do thy diligence to come shortly unto me; for Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia; Titus unto Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee; for he is helpful to me in the ministry. And Tychicus have I sent to Ephesus. The cloak that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, bring with thee; and the books, but especially the parchments.

GOSPEL: *Luke 24:44–53*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint Luke.*



ESUS said unto his apostles, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the Law of Moses, and in the Prophets, and

in the Psalms, concerning me. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the Scriptures, and said unto them, Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer, and rise again from the dead the third day; and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning from Jerusalem; and ye are witnesses of these things. And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you; but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be clothed with power from on high. And he led them out as far as Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them; and it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. And they returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.

St Simon & St Jude

Apostles; October 28

INTROIT PSALM: 87

HIS foundation is upon the holy hills: *the LORD loveth the gates of Sion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.* Very excellent things are spoken of thee, *thou city of God.* I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon, *as among them that know me.* Behold Philistia and Tyre, with Ethiopia; *lo, this one was born there.* Yea, of Sion it shall be said, 'This one and that one were born in her'; *and the Most High himself shall establish her.* The LORD shall reckon when he writeth up the peoples, *that this one was born there.* The singers also and dancers shall say, 'All my fresh springs are in thee.'

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* His foundation is upon the holy hills: *the LORD loveth the gates of Sion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.*

COLLECTS

ALMIGHTY God, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the head corner-stone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Of the Brethren of the Lord (optional)

HEAVENLY Father, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning: We bless thy holy Name for the witness of James and Jude, the kinsmen of

the Lord, and pray that we may be made true members of thy heavenly family; through him who willed to be the firstborn among many brethren, even the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: *Isaiah 28:9–16*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

WHOM shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: for with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear. But the word of the Lord was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.

Wherefore hear the word of the Lord, ye scornful men, that rule this people which is in Jerusalem. Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves: therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.

GRADUAL PSALM: 45:16–17



INSTEAD of thy fathers thou shalt have sons, *whom thou mayest make princes in all the earth.* I will make thy name to be remembered from one generation to another; *therefore shall the peoples praise thee, world without end.*

EPISTLE: *Revelation 21:10–14*

A reading from the Revelation to Saint John.



AND he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; and had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: on the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

ALTERNATE EPISTLE: *Jude 1–4*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Jude.



JUDE, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called: mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied.

Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL: *John 14:21–27*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint John.



HE that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me; and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. Judas saith unto him, (not Iscariot,) Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words, and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

All Saints

November 1

INTROIT PSALM: 33:1-5



REJOICE in the LORD, O ye righteous; for it becometh well the just to be thankful. Praise the LORD with harp: sing praises unto him with the lute, and instrument of ten strings. Sing unto the LORD a new song: sing praises lustily with a good courage. For the word of the LORD is true, and all his works are faithful. He loveth righteousness and judgement: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Rejoice in the LORD, O ye righteous; for it becometh well the just to be thankful.

COLLECT



ALMIGHTY God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: *Ecclesiasticus 44:1-15*

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus.



LET us now praise famous men, and our fathers that begat us. The Lord hath wrought great glory by them through his great power from the beginning. Such as did bear rule in their kingdoms, men renowned for their power, giving counsel by their understanding, and declaring prophecies: Leaders of the people by their counsels, and by their knowledge of learning meet for the people, wise and eloquent are their instructions: Such as found out musical tunes, and recited verses in writing: Rich men furnished with ability, living peaceably in their habitations: All these were honoured in their generations, and were the glory of their times. There be of them, that have left a name behind them, that their praises might be reported. And some there be, which have no memorial; who are perished, as though they had never been; and are become as though they had never been born; and their children after them. But these were merciful men, whose righteousness hath not been forgotten. With their seed shall continually remain a good inheritance, and their children are within the covenant. Their seed standeth fast, and their children for their sakes. Their seed shall remain for ever, and their glory shall not be blotted out. Their bodies are buried in peace; but their name liveth for evermore. The people will tell of their wisdom, and the congregation will shew forth their praise.

GRADUAL PSALM: 34:8-10



TASTE and see how gracious the LORD is: *blessed is the man that trusteth in him.* O fear the LORD, ye that are his saints; *for they that fear him lack nothing.* The lions do lack, and suffer hunger; *but they who seek the LORD shall want no manner of thing that is good.*

EPISTLE: Revelation 7:9-19

A reading from the Revelation to Saint John.



AFTER this I beheld, and lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders, and the four living creatures, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, saying, Amen; Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen. And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God,

and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Matthew.



JESUS, seeing the multitudes, went up into a mountain; and when he was set, his disciples came unto him. And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying, Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peace-makers: for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad; for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

All Souls

*The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed;
during the Octave of All Saints, traditionally November 2*

INTROIT PSALM: 65:1-5



REST eternal grant unto them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them. Praise is due to thee, O God, in Sion; and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem. Thou that hearest the prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come. My misdeeds prevail against me: O be thou merciful unto our sins. Blessed is the man whom thou chooseth and receivest, that he may dwell in thy courts. We shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them.

COLLECT



MOST merciful Father, who hast been pleased to take unto thyself our brethren departed: Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that having served thee faithfully in this world, we may, with all faithful Christian souls, be joined hereafter to the company of thy blessed Saints in glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

In services with only two readings, use the Lesson rather than the Epistle.

LESSON: Wisdom 3:1-8

A reading from the Book of Wisdom.



THE souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there shall no torment touch them. In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die; and their departure is taken for misery, and their going from us to be utter destruction; but they are in peace. For though they be punished in the sight of men, yet is their hope full of immortality. And having been a little chastened, they shall be greatly rewarded; for God proved them and found them worthy for himself. As gold in the furnace hath he tried them, and received them as a burnt-offering. And in the time of their visitation they shall shine, and run to and fro like sparks among the stubble; they shall judge the nations and have dominion over the people, and their Lord shall reign for ever and ever.

GRADUAL PSALM: 112:4-7



INTO the upright there ariseth up light in the darkness; he is merciful, loving, and righteous. It is well with the man that is merciful and lendeth, and ordereth his affairs with justice. For he shall never be moved: and the righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance, He will not be afraid of any evil tidings; for his heart standeth fast and believeth in the LORD.

EPISTLE: I *Corinthians* 15:50–58

*A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul the
Apostle to the Corinthians.*



OW this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the

work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

GOSPEL: *John* 10:22–30

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint John.*



T was at Jerusalem, at the feast of the dedication, and it was winter; and Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch. Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly. Jesus answered them, I told you and ye believed not; the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me. But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: and I give them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father who gave them to me is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one.

Commons

Readings for Various Orders of Saints

Any Saint

Common Readings for a Patronal Festival or for a Saint not otherwise provided for in this lectionary.

INTROIT PSALM: 145:8-13



THE LORD is gracious and merciful, *longsuffering, and of great kindness.* The LORD is loving unto all: *and his mercies are over all his works.* All thy works praise thee, O LORD, *and thy saints give thanks unto thee.* They show the glory of thy kingdom, *and talk of thy power;* That thy power, thy glory, and the mightiness of thy kingdom *might be known unto men.* Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, *and thy dominion endureth throughout all ages.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* All thy works praise thee, O LORD, *and thy saints give thanks unto thee.*

COLLECT



ALMIGHTY God, who willest to be glorified in thy Saints, and didst raise up thy servant N. to shine as a light in the world: Shine, we pray thee, in our hearts, that we also in our generation may show forth thy praises, who hast called us out of darkness into thy marvellous light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: *Ecclesiasticus 2:1-6*

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus.



MY son, if thou come to serve the Lord, prepare thy soul for temptation. Set thy heart aright, and constantly endure, and make not haste in time of trouble. Cleave unto him, and depart not away,

that thou mayest be increased at thy last end. Whatsoever is brought upon thee take cheerfully, and be patient when thou art changed to a low estate. For gold is tried in the fire, and acceptable men in the furnace of adversity. Believe in him, and he will help thee; order thy way aright, and trust in him.

GRADUAL PSALM: 92:12-15



THE righteous shall flourish like a palm-tree, *and shall spread abroad like a cedar in Lebanon.* Such as are planted in the house of the LORD *shall flourish in the courts of our God.* They shall still bring forth fruit in old age, *and shall be full of sap and flourishing;* That they may show how true the LORD is; *he is my strength, and there is no unrighteousness in him.*

EPISTLE: *Revelation 5:6-10*

A reading from the Revelation to Saint John.



BEHELD, and lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne. And when he had taken the book, the four living creatures and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the

book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; and hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

GOSPEL: *Matthew 25:31-40*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint Matthew.*



WHEN the Son of Man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: and before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: and he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was an-hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an-hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.


Blessed Virgin Mary

Her Visitation to Elizabeth, July 2; her Dormition, August 15;

Her Nativity, September 8; her Conception, December 8


The readings for the Annunciation may be used instead of these, which, although they are here presented as common readings for any Marian occasion, are thematically for the Visitation specifically (July 2).

INTROIT PSALM: 85:8–13

 WILL hearken what the LORD God will say: *for he shall speak peace unto his people and to his saints, and unto them that turn their heart to him.* Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him, *that glory may dwell in our land.* Mercy and truth are met together: *righteousness and peace have kissed each other.* Truth springeth out of the earth; *and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.* Yea, the LORD shall give what is good; *and our land shall yield her increase.* Righteousness shall go before him, *and shall direct his going in the way.*


Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* Truth springeth out of the earth; *and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.*

COLLECT


 GOD Most High, who didst endue with wonderful virtue and grace the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of our Lord: Grant that we, who now call her blessed, may be made very members of the heavenly family of him who was pleased to be called the first-born among many brethren; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

LESSON: Isaiah 61:10–11

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

 WILL greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

GRADUAL PSALM: 66:15–19

 COME hither, and hearken, all ye that fear God, *and I will tell you what he hath done for my soul.* I called unto him with my mouth, *and gave him praises with my tongue.* If I had regarded wickedness in my heart, *the Lord would not have heard me.* But verily God hath heard me, *and considered the voice of my prayer.* Praised be God, who hath not cast out my prayer, *nor turned his mercy from me.*

EPISTLE: *Acts 1:12–14*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

WHEN the Apostles returned unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a Sabbath day's journey. And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode Peter and James and John and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Jude the brother of James. These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

GOSPEL: *Luke 1:39–49*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint Luke.*

AND Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Judah; and entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elizabeth. And it came to pass that, when Elizabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit; and she spake with a loud voice, and said, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. And blessed is she that believed; for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord. And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour, For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me; And holy is his Name.

Martyrs

Common Readings for Martyrs

INTROIT PSALM: 119:161-168



PRINCES have persecuted me without a cause; *but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.* I am as glad of thy word, *as one that findeth great spoil.* As for lies, I hate and abhor them; *but thy law do I love.* Seven times a day do I praise thee, *because of thy righteous judgements.* Great is the peace that they have who love thy law; *and nothing shall lead them astray.* LORD, I have looked for thy saving health, *and done after thy commandments.* My soul hath kept thy testimonies, *and loved them exceedingly.* I have kept thy precepts and testimonies; *for all my ways are before thee.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* Princes have persecuted me without a cause; *but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.*

COLLECTS



ALMIGHTY God, by whose grace and power thy Martyr N. was enabled to witness to the truth and to be faithful unto death: Grant that we, who now remember him before thee, may likewise so bear witness unto thee in this world, that we may receive with him the crown of glory that fadeth not away; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Or this:



GOD, who didst bestow upon thy Saints such marvellous virtue, that they were able to stand fast, and have

the victory against the world, the flesh, and the devil: Grant that we, who now commemorate thy Martyr N., may ever rejoice in their fellowship, and also be enabled by thy grace to fight the good fight of faith and lay hold upon eternal life; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

LESSON: 2 Esdras 2:42-47

A reading from the Second Book of Esdras.



ESDRAS saw upon the mount Sion a great people, whom I could not number, and they all praised the Lord with songs. And in the midst of them there was a young man of a high stature, taller than all the rest, and upon every one of their heads he set crowns, and was more exalted; which I marvelled at greatly. So I asked the angel, and said, Sir, what are these? He answered and said unto me, These be they that have put off the mortal clothing, and put on the immortal, and have confessed the name of God: now are they crowned, and receive palms. Then said I unto the angel, What young person is it that crowneth them, and giveth them palms in their hands? So he answered and said unto me, It is the Son of God, whom they have confessed in the world. Then began I greatly to commend them that stood so stiffly for the name of the Lord.

GRADUAL PSALM: 116:11-14



WHAT reward shall I give unto the LORD for all the benefits that he hath done unto me? I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the LORD. I will pay my vows unto the LORD in the presence of all his people. Right dear in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.

EPISTLE: 1 Peter 4:12-19

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Peter.



BELOVED, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you; but rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of the sufferings of Christ; that when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are ye; for the Spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you; on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as a busybody in other men's matters; but if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let

him glorify God in this name. For the time is come that judgement must begin at the house of God; and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the Gospel of God? And If the righteous scarcely be saved, Where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him, in well-doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:24-27

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Matthew.



THEN said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of Man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then shall he reward every man according to his works.

Bishops

Common Readings for a Bishop or Archbishop

INTROIT PSALM: 132:11-18



HE LORD hath made a faithful oath unto David, *and he shall not shrink from it: 'Of the fruit of thy body shall I set upon thy throne. If thy children will keep my covenant, and my testimonies that I shall teach them, their children shall sit upon thy throne for evermore.'* For the LORD hath chosen Sion; *he hath longed for her to be an habitation for himself: 'This shall be my rest for ever: here will I dwell, for I have a delight therein. I will bless her victuals with increase, and will satisfy her poor with bread. I will clothe her priests with salvation, and her saints shall rejoice and sing. There shall I make the horn of David to flourish: I have ordained a lantern for mine anointed.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. I will clothe her priests with salvation, and her saints shall rejoice and sing.*

ALTERNATE INTROIT PSALM: 23



HE LORD is my shepherd; *therefore can I lack nothing. He shall feed me in a green pasture, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort. He shall restore my soul, and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me. Thou shalt prepare a table before me in the presence of them that trouble me; thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full. Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will*

dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. THE LORD is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.*

COLLECT



GOD, our heavenly Father, who didst raise up thy faithful servant N. to be a Bishop in thy Church and to feed thy flock: We beseech thee to send down upon all thy Bishops, the Pastors of thy Church, the abundant gift of thy Holy Spirit, that they, being endued with power from on high, and ever walking in the footsteps of thy holy Apostles, may minister before thee in thy household as true servants of Christ and stewards of thy divine mysteries; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

LESSON: Ezekiel 34:11-16

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel.



OR thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out. As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day. And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains

of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie in a good fold, and in a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel. I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord God. I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick: but I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgment.

GRADUAL PSALM: 135:1-4



PRAISE the LORD, laud ye the Name of the LORD; *praise it, O ye servants of the LORD, Ye that stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God. O praise the LORD, for the LORD is gracious: O sing praises unto his Name, for it is lovely. For why? the LORD hath chosen Jacob unto himself, and Israel for his own possession.*

EPISTLE: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to Timothy.



UT thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. I give thee charge in the sight of God, who giveth life to all, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession; that thou

keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ; which in his times he shall show, who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords; who alone hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see; to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:37-43

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Luke.



BLESSED are those servants, whom their lord when he cometh shall find watching. Verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them. And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants. And this know, that if the good-man of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through. Be ye therefore ready also; for the Son of Man cometh at an hour when ye think not. Then Peter said unto him, Lord, speakest thou this parable unto us, or even unto all? And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their food in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath.

Missionaries

Common Readings for a Missionary

INTROIT PSALM: 96:1-9



SING unto the LORD a new song; *sing unto the LORD, all the whole earth.* Sing unto the LORD, and praise his Name; *be telling of his salvation from day to day.* Declare his honour among the nations, *and his wonders among all peoples.* For the LORD is great, and cannot worthily be praised; *he is more to be feared than all gods.* As for all the gods of the peoples, they are but idols; *but it is the LORD that made the heavens.* Honour and majesty are before him: *strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.* Ascribe unto the LORD, O ye kindreds of the peoples, *ascribe unto the LORD glory and power.* Give unto the LORD the honour due unto his Name; *bring presents and come into his courts.* O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *let the whole earth stand in awe of him.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.* Amen. O sing unto the LORD a new song; *sing unto the LORD, all the whole earth.*

ALTERNATE INTROIT PSALM: 67



GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us, *and show us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us;* That thy way may be known upon earth, *thy saving health among all nations.* Let the people praise thee, O God; *yea, let all the people praise thee.* O let the nations rejoice and be glad; *for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.* Let the people praise thee, O God; *yea, let all the people praise thee.* The earth hath brought forth her increase; *and God, even our own God,*

shall give us his blessing. God shall bless us; *and all the ends of the world shall fear him.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.* Amen. Let the people praise thee, O God; *yea, let all the people praise thee.*

COLLECT



GOD, our heavenly Father, who by thy Son Jesus Christ didst call thy blessed Apostles and send them forth to preach thy Gospel of salvation unto all the nations: We bless thy holy Name for thy servant N., whose labours we commemorate this day, and we pray thee, according to thy holy Word, to send forth many labourers into thy harvest; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

LESSON: Isaiah 52:7-10

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.



NOW beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth! Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion. Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the Lord hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and

all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

GRADUAL PSALM: 96:10–13

TELL it out among the nations that the LORD is King; *he hath made the round world so fast that it cannot be moved; he shall judge the peoples righteously.* Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad; *let the sea make a noise, and all that is therein.* Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it; *then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the LORD;* For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, *and with righteousness to judge the world, and the peoples with his truth.*

EPISTLE: Acts 12:24–13:5

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

NOW the word of God grew and multiplied, and Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem, when they had fulfilled their ministry, and took with them John, whose surname was Mark. And there were in the Church which was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Symeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen the foster-brother of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. And as they were ministering to the Lord, and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them; and when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands upon them, they sent them away. And they, being sent forth by the Holy Spirit, departed unto Seleucia, and from thence they sailed to Cyprus. And when

they were at Salamis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they had also John Mark as their minister.

GOSPEL: *Matthew 4:13–24*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Matthew.

AND Jesus left Nazareth, and came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea-coast in the land of Zabulon and Naphtali, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, Land of and land of Naphtali, The way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles; The people which sat in darkness have seen a great light; To them which sat in the region and shadow of death, light is arisen.

From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishers. And he saith unto them, Follow me; and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets, and followed him. And going on from thence he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them. And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him. And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the Gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. And his fame went throughout all Syria.

Holy Women

Common Readings for Virgins & Matrons

INTROIT PSALM: 119:1-8

BLESSED are those that are undefiled in the way, *and walk in the law of the LORD.* Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, *and seek him with their whole heart;* Even they that do no wickedness, *but walk in his ways.* Thou hast ordained thy precepts *that we should diligently keep them.* O that my ways were made so direct *that I might keep thy statutes!* So shall I not be confounded, *while I have respect unto all thy commandments.* I will thank thee with an unfeigned heart, *when I shall have learned the judgements of thy righteousness.* I will keep thy statutes: *O forsake me not utterly.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* Blessed are those that are undefiled in the way, *and walk in the law of the LORD.*

COLLECT

GOD Most High, the creator of all mankind, we bless thy holy Name for the virtue and grace which thou hast given unto holy women in all ages, especially thy servant N.; and we pray that the example of her faith and purity, and courage unto death, may inspire many souls in this generation to look unto thee, and to follow thy blessed Son Jesus Christ our Saviour; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

Of the following two Lessons, the first is intended for a Matron, and the second for a Virgin.

LESSON: Proverbs 31:10-12, 20, 25-31

A reading from the Book of Proverbs.

WHO can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy. Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

ALTERNATE LESSON: Isaiah 61:10-62:5

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

I WILL greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righ-

teousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth. And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord shall name. Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God. Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Hephzi-bah, and thy land Beulah: for the Lord delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married. For as a young man marryeth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee.

GRADUAL PSALM: 34:7-10

THE angel of the LORD tarrieth round about them that fear him, *and delivereth them.* O taste and see how gracious the LORD is: *blessed is the man that trusteth in him.* O fear the LORD, ye that are his saints; *for they that fear him lack nothing.* The lions do lack, and suffer hunger; *but they who seek the LORD shall want no manner of thing that is good.*

EPISTLE: Acts 9:36-42

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

NOW there was in Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas; this woman was full of good works and alms-deeds which she did. And it came to pass in those

days, that she was sick, and died; whom when they had washed, they laid her in an upper chamber. And forasmuch as Lydda was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring him that he would not delay to come to them. Then Peter arose and went with them; and when he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber; and all the widows stood by him weeping, and showing the garments and cloaks which Dorcas had made while she was with them. And Peter put them out of the chamber, and kneeled down and prayed; and turning towards the body, he said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes; and when she saw Peter, she sat up; and he gave her his hand, and lifted her up; and when he had called the brethren and the widows, he presented her to them alive. And it was known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Luke.

NOW it came to pass, as they went on their journey, that Jesus entered into a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who was sitting at Jesus' feet and listening to his word. But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she came up to him and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me alone to serve? Bid her therefore that she help me. And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha; thou art anxious and troubled about a multitude of things; one thing is needful; and Mary hath chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her.

Doctors

Common Readings for a Doctor of the Church, Poet, or Scholar

INTROIT PSALM: 1:1-4



BLESSED is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners, and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the water-side, that bringeth forth his fruit in due season, Whose leaf also doth not wither; and look, whatsoever he doeth, it shall prosper. As for the ungodly, it is not so with them; but they are like the chaff, which the wind scattereth away from the face of the earth. Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgement, neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous; but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* His delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

ALTERNATE INTROIT PSALM: 45:1-4



MY heart overfloweth with a good matter: I recite my verses for the king: *my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.* Thou art fairer than the children of men; *full of grace are thy lips; therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.* Gird thee with thy sword upon thy thigh, O mighty one, *according to thy glory and thy majesty.* And in thy majesty ride on to victory in the cause of truth, and of meekness and righteousness; *and let thy right hand teach thee terrible deeds.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* MY heart overfloweth with a good matter: I recite my verses for the king: *my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.*

COLLECT



GOD, who by thy Holy Spirit hast given unto one man a word of wisdom, and to another a word of knowledge, and to another the gift of tongues: We praise thy Name for the gifts of grace manifested in thy servant N., and we pray that thy Church may never be destitute of the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In services with only two readings, use the Lesson rather than the Epistle.

LESSON: *Daniel 2:17-24*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Daniel.



WHEN Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions: that they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven. Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: and he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and

setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: he revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him. I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast now made known unto us the king's matter.

Therefore Daniel went in unto Arioch, whom the king had ordained to destroy the wise men of Babylon: he went and said thus unto him; Destroy not the wise men of Babylon: bring me in before the king, and I will shew unto the king the interpretation.

GRADUAL PSALM: 37:31–32



HE mouth of the righteous is exercised in wisdom, *and his tongue will be talking of judgement.* The law of his God is in his heart, *and his goings shall not slide.*

EPISTLE: I Corinthians 2:6–13

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians.



HOWBEIT we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: but we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things

of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

GOSPEL: *Matthew 13:9–17*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Matthew.



ESUS said, He who hath ears to hear, let him hear. And his disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? He answered and said unto them, To you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have in abundance; but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that he hath. Therefore speak I unto them in parables, because they see and see not, and they hear and hear not, neither do they understand. And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah which saith, Hearing, ye shall hear and shall not understand, And seeing, ye shall see and not perceive; For the heart of this people is become fat, And with their ears they hardly hear, And their eyes they have shut, Lest they should see with their eyes, And hear with their ears, And understand with their heart, And should turn, and I should heal them. But blessed are your eyes, for they see; and your ears, for they hear. For verily I say unto you, that many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard.

Founders

Common Readings for Founders, Benefactors, & Missionaries

INTROIT PSALM: 89:1-4



Y song shall be alway of the loving-kindness of the LORD; *with my mouth will I ever be showing thy faithfulness from one generation to another.* For I have said, 'Loving-kindness shall be built up for ever; *thy faithfulness shalt thou stablish in the heavens.*' 'I have made a covenant with my chosen: *I have sworn unto David my servant; Thy seed will I stablish for ever, and set up thy throne from one generation to another.*'

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* Thy seed will I stablish for ever, *and set up thy throne from one generation to another.*

COLLECT



LMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, we remember before thee all thy servants who have served thee faithfully in their generation, and have entered into rest, especially N. and N.; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow in their steps, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: *Ecclesiasticus 44:10-15*

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus.



THESE were merciful men, whose righteousness hath not been forgotten. With their seed shall continually remain a good inheritance, and their children are within the covenant. Their seed standeth

fast, and their children for their sakes. Their seed shall remain for ever, and their glory shall not be blotted out. Their bodies are buried in peace; but their name liveth for evermore. The people will tell of their wisdom, and the congregation will shew forth their praise.

GRADUAL PSALM: 126



HEN the LORD restored the fortunes of Sion, *then were we like unto them that dream.* Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *and our tongue with joy.* Then said they among the nations, '*The LORD hath done great things for them.*' Yea, the LORD hath done great things for us already; *whereof we rejoice.* Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *as the rivers in the South.* They that sow in tears *shall reap in joy.* He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth his seed, *shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.*

EPISTLE: *Hebrews 11:13-16, 12:1-2*

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.



THESE all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city. Wherefore

seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and hath sat down on the right hand of the throne of God.

GOSPEL: *John 4:32–38*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint John.*



ESUS said unto his disciples, I have food to eat that ye know not of. Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him aught to eat? Jesus saith unto them, My food is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth. I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye have entered into their labours.

Occasions

Services of Prayer for Various Intentions and Situations

Pentecost Ember Days (I)

Of Holy Orders

Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday after Pentecost are Ember Days. These readings are used at the first Ember Day service at all four seasons, and only afterwards the seasonal Ember services.

INTROIT PSALM: 132:7–10



He will go into his dwelling-place, and fall low on our knees before his footstool. Arise, O LORD, into thy resting-place, thou, and the ark of thy strength. Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness; and let thy saints sing with joyfulness. For thy servant David's sake, turn not away the face of thine anointed.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness; and let thy saints sing with joyfulness.

COLLECTS



ALMIGHTY God, the giver of all good gifts, who of thy divine providence hast appointed divers Orders in thy Church: Give thy grace, we humbly beseech thee, to all those who are to be called to any office and administration in the same; and so replenish them with the truth of thy doctrine, and endue them with innocency of life, that they may faithfully serve before thee, to the glory of thy great Name, and to the benefit of thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Pentecost



GOD, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by the sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to

have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

For Pentecost: Additional



GOD, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the coming of the Holy Spirit upon thy disciples in Jerusalem: Grant that we who celebrate before thee the Feast of Pentecost may continue thine for ever, and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit, until we come to thine eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: Numbers II:16–17, 24–29

A reading from the Book of Numbers.



AND the Lord said unto Moses, Gather unto me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom thou knowest to be the elders of the people, and officers over them; and bring them unto the tabernacle of the congregation, that they may stand there with thee. And I will come down and talk with thee there: and I will take of the spirit which is upon thee, and will put it upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear it not thyself alone.

And Moses went out, and told the people the words of the Lord, and gathered the seventy men of the elders of the people, and set them round about the tabernacle. And the

Lord came down in a cloud, and spake unto him, and took of the spirit that was upon him, and gave it unto the seventy elders: and it came to pass, that, when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied, and did not cease. But there remained two of the men in the camp, the name of the one was Eldad, and the name of the other Medad: and the spirit rested upon them; and they were of them that were written, but went not out unto the tabernacle: and they prophesied in the camp. And there ran a young man, and told Moses, and said, Eldad and Medad do prophesy in the camp. And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of Moses, one of his young men, answered and said, My lord Moses, forbid them. And Moses said unto him, Enviest thou for my sake? would God that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit upon them!

GRADUAL PSALM: 135:19–21



RAISE the LORD, ye house of Israel: praise the LORD, ye house of Aaron. Praise the LORD, ye house of Levi: ye that fear the LORD, praise the LORD. Praised be the LORD out of Sion, who dwelleth at Jerusalem.

EPISTLE: Romans 12:3–8

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Romans.



FOR I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office; so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether

prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; or ministry, let us wait on our ministering; or he that teacheth, on teaching; or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that showeth mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil, cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love, in honour preferring one another: not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. Bless them which persecute you; bless, and curse not. Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

GOSPEL: Luke 10:2–11

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Luke.



HEREFORE said Jesus unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest. Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves. Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes: and salute no man by the way. And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house. And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again. And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they

give: for the labourer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house. And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you: and heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you. But into

whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you not, go your ways out into the streets of the same, and say, Even the very dust of your city, which cleaveth on us, we do wipe off against you: notwithstanding be ye sure of this, that the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

Advent Ember Days

For Peace in the World

Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday after Advent 3 are Ember Days. These readings may be used at a second Ember service, after a first service using the readings on page 298.

INTROIT PSALM: 119:145–152

I CALL with my whole heart: *hear me, O LORD; I will keep thy statutes.* Yea, even unto thee do I call; O help me, and I shall keep thy testimonies. Early in the morning do I cry unto thee; *for in thy word is my trust.* Mine eyes forestall the night-watches, *that I might be occupied in thy words.* Hear my voice, O LORD, according unto thy loving-kindness: *quicken me, according as thou art wont.* They draw nigh that of malice persecute me, *and are far from thy law.* Thou art nigh at hand, O LORD; *and all thy commandments are true.* As concerning thy testimonies, I have known long since, *that thou hast grounded them for ever.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* I call with my whole heart: *hear me, O LORD; I will keep thy statutes.*

COLLECTS

ALmighty Lord and everlasting Father, who wouldest have the kingdoms of the world become the kingdom of thy Son Jesus Christ: Bestow thy blessing, we beseech thee, upon all who labour for peace and righteousness among the nations, that the day may be hastened when war shall

be no more, and thou shalt take the nations for thine inheritance; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Ember Days

ALmighty God, the giver of all good gifts, who of thy divine providence hast appointed divers Orders in thy Church: Give thy grace, we humbly beseech thee, to all those who are to be called to any office and administration in the same; and so replenish them with the truth of thy doctrine, and endue them with innocency of life, that they may faithfully serve before thee, to the glory of thy great Name, and to the benefit of thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Advent 3

GLORD Jesu Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee: Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

For Advent



LMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. Amen.

LESSON: *Micah 4:1-4*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Micah.



ND it shall come to pass that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. And many nations shall come, and say, Come and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD and to the house of the God of Jacob, and he shall teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths; for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig-tree; and none shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken it.

GRADUAL PSALM: 85:8-13



WILL hearken what the LORD God will say: *for he shall speak peace unto his people and to his saints, and unto them that turn their heart to him.* Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him, *that glory may dwell in our land.* Mercy and truth are met together: *righteousness and peace have kissed each other.* Truth springeth out of the earth; *and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.* Yea, the LORD shall give what is good; *and our land shall yield her increase.* Righteousness shall go before him, *and shall direct his going in the way.*

EPISTLE: *Ephesians 2:11-22*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Ephesians.



ND it shall come to pass that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. And many nations shall come, and say, Come and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD and to the house of the God of Jacob, and he shall teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths; for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig-tree; and none shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken it.

GOSPEL: *Luke 1:26–33*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint Luke.*



AND in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a Virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the Virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee. And she was

troubled at this saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary; for thou hast found favour with God. And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a Son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; And the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David. And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; And of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Lenten Ember Days

For Home Missions

Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday after Lent 1 are Ember Days. These readings be used at a second Ember service, after a first service using the readings for the Pentecost Ember Days on page 298.

INTROIT PSALM: 89:1-4



MY song shall be alway of the loving-kindness of the LORD; *with my mouth will I ever be showing thy faithfulness from one generation to another.* For I have said, 'Loving-kindness shall be built up for ever; *thy faithfulness shalt thou stablish in the heavens.*' 'I have made a covenant with my chosen: *I have sworn unto David my servant; Thy seed will I stablish for ever, and set up thy throne from one generation to another.*'

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* My song shall be alway of the loving-kindness of the LORD; *with my mouth will I ever be showing thy faithfulness from one generation to another.*

COLLECTS



GOD, who hast made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on the face of the earth, and didst send thy blessed Son Jesus Christ to preach peace to them that are afar off and to them that are nigh: Grant that all peoples of the world may feel after thee and find thee; and hasten, O Lord, the fulfilment of thy promise to pour out thy Spirit upon all flesh; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Ember Days



LMIGHTY God, the giver of all good gifts, who of thy divine providence hast appointed divers Orders in thy

Church: Give thy grace, we humbly beseech thee, to all those who are to be called to any office and administration in the same; and so replenish them with the truth of thy doctrine, and endue them with innocency of life, that they may faithfully serve before thee, to the glory of thy great Name, and to the benefit of thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Lent 1



LORD, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights: Give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness, to thy honour and glory; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

For Lent



LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: *Ezekiel 33:1-12*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel.



A GAIN the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman: if when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people; then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him. But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul. But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.

So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me. When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

Therefore, O thou son of man, speak unto the house of Israel; Thus ye speak, saying, If our transgressions and our sins be upon us, and we pine away in them, how should we then live? Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way

and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

Therefore, thou son of man, say unto the children of thy people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression: as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedness; neither shall the righteous be able to live for his righteousness in the day that he sinneth.

GRADUAL PSALM: 22:22-26



N WILL declare thy Name unto my brethren; *in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.* O praise the LORD, ye that fear him: *magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob, and stand in awe of him, all ye seed of Israel.* For he hath not despised nor abhorred the low estate of the poor; *he hath not hid his face from him; but when he called unto him he heard him.* Of thee cometh my praise in the great congregation; *my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.* The poor shall eat and be satisfied; they that seek after the LORD shall praise him; *may your heart live for ever.*

EPISTLE: *I Thessalonians 1:1-8*

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Thessalonians.



P AUL and Silvanus and Timothy unto the Church of the Thessalonians, which is in God the Father, and in the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace be unto You, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father; knowing, brethren beloved, your election by God. For our Gospel came not

unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake. And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit: so that ye were examples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia. For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith towards God is spread abroad.

GOSPEL: *Mark* 1:32–39

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint Mark.*



At even when the sun did set, they brought unto him all that were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils. And all the city was gathered together at the door. And he healed many that were sick of manifold diseases, and cast out devils; and suffered not the devils to speak, because they knew him. And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed. And Simon Peter and they that were with him followed after him. And when they had found him, they said unto him, All men are seeking for thee. And he said unto them, Let us go into the neighbouring towns, that I may preach there also; for therefore came I forth. And he preached in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and cast out devils.

Pentecost Ember Days (II)

For Christian Unity

Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday after Pentecost are Ember Days. These readings may be used at a second Ember service, after a first service using the readings on page 298.

INTROIT PSALM: 122

I WAS glad when they said unto me, 'We will go unto the house of the LORD.' Behold, our feet now stand *within thy gates, O Jerusalem.* Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity in itself; Whither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the LORD. For there were set the thrones for judgement, even the thrones of the house of David. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *may they prosper that love thee.* Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces. For my brethren and companions' sakes, *I will wish thee prosperity.* Yea, because of the house of the LORD our God, *I will seek to do thee good.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.* Amen. Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity in itself.

COLLECTS

LORD Jesus Christ, who didst say unto thine Apostles, Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: Regard not our sins, but the faith of thy Church, and grant unto it that peace and unity which is agreeable to thy will; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

For Ember Days

ALMIGHTY God, the giver of all good gifts, who of thy divine providence hast appointed divers Orders in thy Church: Give thy grace, we humbly beseech thee, to all those who are to be called to any office and administration in the same; and so replenish them with the truth of thy doctrine, and endue them with innocency of life, that they may faithfully serve before thee, to the glory of thy great Name, and to the benefit of thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Pentecost

GOD, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by the sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

For Pentecost: Additional

GOD, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the coming of the Holy Spirit upon thy disciples in Jerusalem: Grant that we who celebrate before thee the Feast of Pentecost may continue thine for ever, and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit, until we come to thine eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: *Ezekiel 37:21–23*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel.

THUS saith the Lord God; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land: and I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all: neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwellingplaces, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God.

GRADUAL PSALM: 133

BEHOLD, how good and joyful a thing it is *for brethren to dwell together in unity!* It is like the precious oil upon the head, that ran down unto the beard, *even unto Aaron's beard, and went down to the collar of his clothing;* Like as the dew of Hermon, *which falleth upon the hills of Sion.* For there the LORD promised his blessing, *even life for evermore.*

EPISTLE: *Ephesians 4:4–13*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Ephesians.

THERE is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. And unto every one of us is given grace, according to the measure of the gift of Christ; wherefore it is said, He ascended up on high, he led

captivity captive, He gave gifts unto men. And when it is said, He ascended, what is it but that he also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things. And he gave some, Apostles; and some, Prophets; and some, Evangelists; and some, Pastors and Teachers; for the perfecting of the saints for the work of the ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ; till we all come, in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.

GOSPEL: *John 17:20–26*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint John.

AND Jesus said, Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also that shall believe on me through their word; that they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me, I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, even as thou hast loved me. Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me; for thou didst love me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me; and I have declared unto them thy Name, and will declare it; that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

Autumn Ember Days

For Labour & Industry

Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday after Holy Cross Day (September 14) are Ember Days. These readings may be used at a second Ember service, after a first service using the readings on page 298.

INTROIT PSALM: 113

RRAISE the LORD, ye servants; O praise the Name of the LORD. Blessed be the Name of the LORD *from this time forth for evermore*. The LORD's Name is to be praised *from the rising up of the sun unto the going down of the same*. The LORD is high above all nations, *and his glory above the heavens*. Who is like unto the LORD our God, *that hath his dwelling so high, And yet humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven and earth?* He taketh up the poor out of the dust, *and lifteth the needy out of the mire*; That he may set him with the princes, *even with the princes of his people*. He maketh the barren woman to keep house, *and to be a joyful mother of children*.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end*. Amen. Who is like unto the LORD our God, *that hath his dwelling so high, and yet humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven and earth?*

COLLECTS

LORD Jesus Christ, who in thy earthly life didst share man's toil, and thereby hallow the labour of his hands: Prosper all those who maintain the industries of this land; and give them pride in their work, a just reward for their labour, and joy both in supplying the needs of others and in serving thee their Saviour; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

For Ember Days

ALMIGHTY God, the giver of all good gifts, who of thy divine providence hast appointed divers Orders in thy Church: Give thy grace, we humbly beseech thee, to all those who are to be called to any office and administration in the same; and so replenish them with the truth of thy doctrine, and endue them with innocency of life, that they may faithfully serve before thee, to the glory of thy great Name, and to the benefit of thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: *Genesis 3:17–19*

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

AND unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

GRADUAL PSALM: 127

EXCEPT the LORD build the house, *their labour is but lost that build it. Except the LORD keep the city, the watchman keepeth vigil but in vain.* It is but lost labour that ye haste to rise up early, and so late take rest, and eat the bread of carefulness; *for so he giveth his beloved sleep.* Lo, children and the fruit of the womb *are an heritage and gift that cometh of the LORD.* Like as the arrows in the hand of the giant, *even so are the children of one's youth.* Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: *they shall not be ashamed when they speak with their enemies in the gate.*

EPISTLE: 2 Thessalonians 3:6–13

A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Thessalonians.

NOW we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received from us. For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us; for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you; neither did we eat any man's bread for nothing; but worked with labour and toil, night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you; not because we have not the power, but to make ourselves an example unto you to follow us. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command, that if any man would not work, neither should he eat. For we hear that there are some which walk

among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies. Now them that are such, we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that they work with quietness and eat their own bread. And ye, brethren, be not weary of well-doing.

GOSPEL: Luke 6:31–38

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Luke.

JESUS said to his disciples, As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise. For if ye love them that love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them. And if ye do good to them that do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same. And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful, and to the evil. Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful. Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven: give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use for measuring, it shall be measured to you again.

For Foreign Missions

Within the Octave of Epiphany

INTROIT PSALM: 67



GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us, *and show us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us; That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.* Let the people praise thee, O God; *yea, let all the people praise thee.* O let the nations rejoice and be glad; *for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.* Let the people praise thee, O God; *yea, let all the people praise thee.* The earth hath brought forth her increase; *and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.* God shall bless us; *and all the ends of the world shall fear him.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* Let the people praise thee, O God; *yea, let all the people praise thee.*

COLLECTS



ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who desirest not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn unto thee and live: Deliver the nations of the world from superstition and unbelief, and gather them all into thy holy Church, to the praise and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Epiphany (optional)



GOD, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles: Mercifully grant, that we, who know thee now by faith, may be led onward through this earthly life, until we

see the vision of thy heavenly glory; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

LESSON: Genesis 12:1–3

A reading from the Book of Genesis.



NOW the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: and I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: and I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

GRADUAL PSALM: 117



PRAISE the LORD, all ye nations: *laud him, all ye peoples.* For his merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us: *and the truth of the LORD endureth for ever. Praise the LORD.*

EPISTLE: Romans 10:8–15

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Romans.



WHAT saith the Scripture? Near is the word, in thy mouth and in thy heart, even the word which we proclaim. If thou shalt confess with thy mouth that Jesus is Lord, and shalt believe in thy heart that God raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved; for with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is

made unto salvation. For the Scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be put to shame. For there is no difference between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord of all is rich unto all that call upon him; for Whosoever shall call upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call upon him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they be sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that bring glad tidings of good things!

GOSPEL: *Matthew 28:16–20*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint Matthew.*



WHEN the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into the mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw him they worshipped him: but some doubted. And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, All authority is given unto me in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you all the days, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Rogation Days (I)

Of Prayer

INTROIT PSALM: 4

HEAR me when I call, O God of my righteousness: *thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer.* O YE sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honour, *and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after falsehood?* Know this also, that the LORD hath chosen to himself the man that is godly; *when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.* Stand in awe, and sin not; *commune with your own heart, and in your chamber, and be still.* Offer the sacrifice of righteousness, *and put your trust In the LORD.* There be many that say, ‘Who will show us any good?’ LORD, *lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.* Thou hast put gladness in my heart, *more than men have when their grain and wine increase.* I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest; *for it is thou, LORD, only, that makest me dwell in safety.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* Know this also, that the LORD hath chosen to himself the man that is godly; *when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.*

COLLECT

ASSIST us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by thy most gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: 2 Chronicles 6:19–31

A reading from the Second Book of Chronicles.

SOLOMON prayed: Have respect therefore to the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O Lord my God, to hearken unto the cry and the prayer which thy servant prayeth before thee: that thine eyes may be open upon this house day and night, upon the place whereof thou hast said that thou wouldest put thy name there; to hearken unto the prayer which thy servant prayeth toward this place. Hearken therefore unto the supplications of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, which they shall make toward this place: hear thou from thy dwelling place, even from heaven; and when thou hearest, forgive.

If a man sin against his neighbour, and an oath be laid upon him to make him swear, and the oath come before thine altar in this house; then hear thou from heaven, and do, and judge thy servants, by requiting the wicked, by recompensing his way upon his own head; and by justifying the righteous, by giving him according to his righteousness.

And if thy people Israel be put to the worse before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee; and shall return and confess thy name, and pray and make supplication before thee in this house; then hear thou from the heavens, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and bring them again unto the land which thou gavest to them and to their fathers.

When the heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; yet if they pray toward this place, and con-

fess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou dost afflict them; then hear thou from heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Israel, when thou hast taught them the good way, wherein they should walk; and send rain upon thy land, which thou hast given unto thy people for an inheritance.

If there be dearth in the land, if there be pestilence, if there be blasting, or mildew, locusts, or caterpillers; if their enemies besiege them in the cities of their land; whatsoever sore or whatsoever sickness there be: then what prayer or what supplication soever shall be made of any man, or of all thy people Israel, when every one shall know his own sore and his own grief, and shall spread forth his hands in this house: then hear thou from heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and render unto every man according unto all his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou only knowest the hearts of the children of men:) that they may fear thee, to walk in thy ways, so long as they live in the land which thou gavest unto our fathers.

GRADUAL PSALM: 23

THE LORD is my shepherd; *therefore can I lack nothing.* He shall feed me in a green pasture, *and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.* He shall restore my soul, *and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness,*

for his Name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; *for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.* Thou shalt prepare a table before me in the presence of them that trouble me; *thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.* Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; *and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.*

EPISTLE: I Timothy 2:1–8

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to Timothy.



EXHORT therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time. Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity. I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

GOSPEL: *Luke II:1-10*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint Luke.*



IT came to pass, that, as Jesus was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples. And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Father, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Give us day by day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins; for we ourselves also forgive every one that is Indebted to us. And bring us not into temptation. And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and

say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves; for a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him? And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee. I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth. And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Rogation Days (II)

For the Fruits of the Earth and Human Labour

These readings may be used at a second service for the Rogation Days, after the propers "Of Prayer" above.

INTROIT PSALM: 18:1-7



LOVE thee, O LORD, my strength. *The LORD is my stony rock, my defence, and my Saviour; My God, and my might, in whom I will trust; my shield, the horn also of my salvation, and my refuge. I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised; so shall I be saved from mine enemies. THE waves of death compassed me, and the floods of ungodliness made me afraid. The cords of hell came about me; the snares of death overtook me. In my trouble I called upon the LORD, and complained unto my God. So he heard my voice out of his holy temple, and my complaint before him entered into his ears.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. He heard my voice out of his holy temple, and my complaint before him entered into his ears.*

The Psalm above is for Rogation Tuesday. The following Psalm is for Wednesday.

ALTERNATE INTROIT PSALM: 65:10-15



THOU visitest the earth and waterest it: *thou makest it very plenteous. The river of God is full of water: thou preparest their grain, for so thou providest for the earth. Thou waterest her furrows, smoothing the ridges thereof: thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it. Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drip with fatness. The pastures of the wilderness drip; and the little hills rejoice on every side. The*

pastures are clothed with flocks: the valleys also stand so thick with grain that they laugh and sing.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drip with fatness.*

COLLECT



LMIGHTY and merciful God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift: Bless, we beseech thee, the labours of thy people, and cause the earth to bring forth her fruits abundantly in their season, that we may with grateful hearts give thanks to thee for the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In services with only two readings, use the Lesson rather than the Epistle.

LESSON: *Genesis 1:26-31*

A reading from the Book of Genesis.



AND God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and

over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for food; and it was so. And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good.

GRADUAL PSALM: 118:1-4



GIVE thanks unto the LORD, for he is gracious: *because his mercy endureth for ever.* Let Israel now confess that he is gracious, *and that his mercy endureth for ever.* Let the house of Aaron now confess *that his mercy endureth for ever.* Yea, let them now that fear the LORD confess *that his mercy endureth for ever.*

The Psalm above is for Rogation Tuesday. The following Psalm is for Wednesday.

ALTERNATE GRADUAL PSALM: 23



THE LORD is my shepherd; *therefore can I lack nothing.* He shall feed me in a green pasture, *and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.* He shall restore my soul, *and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.* Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; *for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.* Thou shalt prepare a table before me in the presence of them that trouble me; *thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.* Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; *and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.*

EPISTLE: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians.



UT this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: (as it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever. Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;) being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.

GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-33

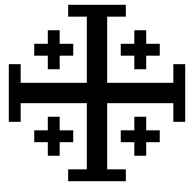
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Mark.



ESUS said unto his disciples, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; and should sleep and rise, night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how. For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come. And he said, Whereunto shall we liken the kingdom of God? or with what comparison shall we compare it? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown in the earth, is less than all the seeds that be in the earth: but when it hath been sown, it groweth up, and becometh greater than all herbs, and shooteth out great

branches; so that the birds of the air may lodge under the shadow of it. And with many such

parables spake he the word unto them, as they were able to hear it.



Thanksgiving

For Any Occasion of Thanksgiving; for Harvest Thanksgiving, see page 322.

INTROIT PSALM: III



I WILL give thanks unto the LORD with my whole heart, *in the council of the faithful and in the congregation.*

The works of the LORD are great, *sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.* His work is worthy to be praised and had in honour; *and his righteousness endureth for ever.* The merciful and gracious LORD hath so done his marvellous works, *that they ought to be had in remembrance.* He hath given meat unto them that fear him; *he shall ever be mindful of his covenant.* He hath showed his people the power of his works, *in giving them the heritage of the nations.* The works of his hands are verity and judgement; *all his precepts are sure;* They stand fast for ever and ever, *and are done in truth and equity.* He sent redemption unto his people; *he hath commanded his covenant for ever; holy and reverend is his Name.* The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; *a good understanding have all they that do thereafter; his praise endureth for ever.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* I will give thanks unto the LORD with my whole heart, *in the council of the faithful and in the congregation.*

COLLECT



MOST merciful Father, we humbly thank thee for all thy gifts so freely bestowed upon us; for life and health and safety; for power to work and leisure to rest; for all that is beautiful in creation and in the lives of men; but above all we thank thee for our spiritual mercies in Christ Jesus our Lord; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

LESSON: Deuteronomy 8:6–11

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.



THOU shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways and to fear him. For the LORD thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths, that spring out of valleys and hills; a land of wheat and barley and vines and fig-trees and pomegranates; a land of oil-olive and honey; a land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness; thou shalt not lack any thing in it; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass. When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the LORD thy God for the good land which he hath given thee. Beware that thou forget not the LORD thy God, in not keeping his commandments and his judgements and his statutes, which I command thee this day.

GRADUAL PSALM: 75:1-2



INTO thee, O God, do we give thanks; yea, unto thee do we give thanks. Thy Name also is so nigh; and that do thy wondrous works declare.

EPISTLE: Colossians 3:12-17

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Colossians.



UT on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Luke.



AND it came to pass, as Jesus went on his way to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off: and they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go, show yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass that, as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks; and he was a Samaritan. And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save only this stranger. And he said unto him. Arise, go thy way, thy faith hath saved thee.

Harvest Thanksgiving

The Second Monday in October, or the preceding Sunday

INTROIT PSALM: 34:1-10



WILL always give thanks unto the LORD; *his praise shall ever be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the LORD; the humble shall hear thereof and be glad. O praise the LORD with me, and let us magnify his Name together. I sought the LORD, and he heard me; yea, he delivered me out of all my fears. O look unto him and be lightened; and your faces shall not be ashamed. This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him; yea, and saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the LORD tarrieth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them. O taste and see how gracious the LORD is: blessed is the man that trusteth in him. O fear the LORD, ye that are his saints; for they that fear him lack nothing. The lions do lack, and suffer hunger; but they who seek the LORD shall want no manner of thing that is good.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. O taste and see how gracious the LORD is: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.*

COLLECT



ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who crownest the year with thy goodness, and hast given unto us the fruits of the earth in their season: Give us grateful hearts, that we may unfeignedly thank thee for all thy loving-kindness, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: *Isaiah 55:1-3, 10-12*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.



O, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: It shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

GRADUAL PSALM: 92:1-4



It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, *and to sing praises unto thy Name, O thou Most High; To tell of thy loving-kindness in the morning, and of thy faithfulness in the night-season; Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the lute, with a*

melody upon the harp. For thou, LORD, hast made me glad through thy works; and I will rejoice in giving praise for the operations of thy hands.

EPISTLE: *James 3:13–18*

A reading from the Letter of Saint James.



WHO is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

GOSPEL: *John 6:27–35*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint John.



JESUS said, Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed. Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent. They said therefore unto him, What sign showest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work? Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat. Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

Dedication Festival

The Commemoration of the Founding or Consecration of a Church

INTROIT PSALM: 84:1-7



HOW lovely are thy dwellings, thou LORD of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the LORD: *my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.* Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: *even thine altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.* Blessed are they that dwell in thy house; *they will be always praising thee.* Blessed are the men whose strength is in thee, *in whose heart are the pilgrim ways;* Who going through the Vale of Misery use it for a well; *yea, the early rain covereth it with blessings.* They go from strength to strength, *and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* O how lovely are thy dwellings, thou LORD of hosts!

COLLECT



MOST blessed Saviour, who didst vouchsafe thy gracious presence at the Feast of Dedication: Be present with us at this time by thy Holy Spirit, and so possess our souls by thy grace, that we maybe living temples, holy and acceptable unto thee; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

LESSON: 1 Chronicles 29:9-16

A reading from the First Book of Chronicles.



WHEN the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the Lord: and David the king also rejoiced with great joy. Wherefore David blessed the Lord before all the congregation: and David said, Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel our father, for ever and ever. Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all. Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name. But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee. For we are strangers before thee, and sojourners, as were all our fathers: our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding. O Lord our God, all this store that we have prepared to build thee an house for thine holy name cometh of thine hand, and is all thine own.

GRADUAL PSALM: 138:1-3



L WILL give thanks unto thee, O LORD, with my whole heart: *even before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.* I will worship toward thy holy temple and praise thy Name, because of thy loving-kindness and truth; *for thou hast magnified thy Name and thy word above all things.* When I called upon thee, thou heardest me, *and enduedst my soul with much strength.*

EPISTLE: 1 Peter 2:1-10

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Peter.



W HEREFORÉ, laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil-speaking, as newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby unto salvation; if so be that ye have tasted that the Lord is good; to whom you come, as unto a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, and are built up yourselves as living stones into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable unto God through Jesus Christ. Wherefore also it is contained in the Scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner-stone, chosen and precious, And he who believeth on him shall not be put to shame. To you therefore who believe, he is precious, but to them that are disobedient it saith, The stone which the builders rejected, The same is made the head of the corner; and, A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence; for those who stumble at the

word in their disobedience; whereunto also it was appointed. But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a people for his own possession; that ye should declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his own marvellous light; which in times past were no people, but are now the people of God; which once had not obtained mercy, but have now obtained mercy.

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:10-16

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint Matthew.*



A ND when Jesus was come into Jerusalem all the city was moved, saying, Who is this? And the multitude said, This is Jesus the Prophet of Nazareth of Galilee. And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all those who sold and bought in the temple; and overthrew the tables of the money-changers, and the seats of those who sold doves; and he said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer, but you have made it a den of thieves. And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. And when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children shouting in the temple and saying, Hosanna to the son of David; they were sore displeased, and said unto him, Hearst thou what these say? And Jesus said unto them, Yea: have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?

For the Sick (I)

For Use in Homes, Hospitals, and in the Church

INTROIT PSALM: 6:1-9



LORD, rebuke me not in thine indignation, *neither chasten me in thy displeasure.* Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am weak; O LORD, *heal me, for my bones are vexed.* My soul also is sore troubled: *but thou, O LORD, how long?* Turn thee, O LORD, and deliver my soul; O *save me for thy mercy's sake.* For in death no man remembereth thee; *and who will give thee thanks in the pit?* I am weary of my groaning; *every night wash I my bed, and water my couch with my tears.* My beauty is gone for very trouble, *and worn away because of all mine enemies.* Away from me, all ye that work iniquity; *for the LORD hath heard the voice of my weeping.* The LORD hath heard my petition; *the LORD will receive my prayer.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am weak; O LORD, *heal me, for my bones are vexed.*

COLLECT



GOD of all grace and power: Behold, visit and relieve this thy servant N.; look upon him with the eyes of thy mercy, give him comfort and sure confidence in thee, defend him in all danger, and keep him in perpetual peace and safety; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: Isaiah 38:1-8

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.



IN those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came unto him, and said unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Set thine house in order: for thou shalt die, and not live. Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed unto the Lord, and said, Remember now, O Lord, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore.

Then came the word of the Lord to Isaiah, saying, Go, and say to Hezekiah, Thus saith the Lord, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will add unto thy days fifteen years. And I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria: and I will defend this city. And this shall be a sign unto thee from the Lord, that the Lord will do this thing that he hath spoken; behold, I will bring again the shadow of the degrees, which is gone down in the sun dial of Ahaz, ten degrees backward. So the sun returned ten degrees, by which degrees it was gone down.

GRADUAL PSALM: 28:7-10



RAISED be the LORD; *for he hath heard the voice of my humble petitions.* The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart hath trusted in him, and I am helped; *therefore my heart danceth for joy, and in my song will I praise him.* The LORD is the strength of his people; *and he is the wholesome defence of his anointed.* O LORD, save thy people, and bless thine heritage: *govern them, and lift them up for ever.*

EPISTLE: 1 Peter 5:5-11

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Peter.



Y brethren, God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace unto the humble. Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time; casting all your care upon him, for he careth for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil goeth about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your

brethren who are in the world. And the God of all grace, who hath called you unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a little, will himself make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL: Matthew 8:13-17

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Matthew.



ND Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee; and his servant was healed in the selfsame hour. And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother lying sick of a fever. And he touched her hand, and the fever left her; and she arose and ministered unto them. And when the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed of devils; and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick; that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.

For the Sick (II)

For Use in Homes, Hospitals, and in the Church

INTROIT PSALM: 6:1-9



LORD, rebuke me not in thine indignation, *neither chasten me in thy displeasure.* Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am weak; O LORD, *heal me, for my bones are vexed.* My soul also is sore troubled: *but thou, O LORD, how long?* Turn thee, O LORD, and deliver my soul; O *save me for thy mercy's sake.* For in death no man remembereth thee; *and who will give thee thanks in the pit?* I am weary of my groaning; *every night wash I my bed, and water my couch with my tears.* My beauty is gone for very trouble, *and worn away because of all mine enemies.* Away from me, all ye that work iniquity; *for the LORD hath heard the voice of my weeping.* The LORD hath heard my petition; *the LORD will receive my prayer.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am weak; O LORD, *heal me, for my bones are vexed.*

COLLECT



OD of all grace and power: Behold, visit, and relieve this thy servant; look upon him with the eyes of thy mercy, give him comfort and sure confidence in thee, defend him in all danger, and keep him in perpetual peace and safety; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: *Lamentations 3:22-26*

A reading from the Lamentations of Jeremiah.



T is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him. The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him. It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord.

GRADUAL PSALM: 28:7-10



RAISED be the LORD; *for he hath heard the voice of my humble petitions.* The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart hath trusted in him, and I am helped; *therefore my heart danceth for joy, and in my song will I praise him.* The LORD is the strength of his people; *and he is the wholesome defence of his anointed.* O LORD, save thy people, and bless thine heritage: *govern them, and lift them up for ever.*

EPISTLE: 2 *Corinthians* 1:3–5

*A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul the
Apostle to the Corinthians.*



BLESSED be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. For as the sufferings of Christ abound unto us, even so our comfort also aboundeth through Christ.

GOSPEL: *John* 10:14–15, 27–28

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint John.*




IESUS said, I am the good shepherd; and I know mine own, and mine own know me, even as the Father knoweth me, and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, and no one shall pluck them out of my hand.

Funerals

Common Readings for the Burial of the Dead


These readings, for a Communion service at a Funeral, are different than those provided in the Burial Office itself.

INTROIT PSALM: 65:1-5


 EST eternal grant unto them, O Lord; *and let light perpetual shine upon them.* Praise is due to thee, O God, in Sion; *and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.* Thou that hearest the prayer, *unto thee shall all flesh come.* My misdeeds prevail against me: *O be thou merciful unto our sins.* Blessed is the man whom thou chooseth and receivest, *that he may dwell in thy courts.* We shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, *even of thy holy temple.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord; *and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

COLLECTS


 RANT, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of thy blessed Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, so by continual mortifying our corrupt affections we may be buried with him; and that, through the grave, and gate of death, we may pass to our joyful resurrection; for his merits, who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Or this:


 LORD, the maker and redeemer of all believers: Grant to the faithful departed all the unsearchable benefits of thy Son's passion; that in the day of his appearing they may be manifested as thy true children; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: *Job 19:23-27*

A reading from the Book of Job.

 H that my words were now written! Oh that they were printed in a book! That they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock for ever! For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another.

GRADUAL PSALM: 112:4-7

 NTO the upright there ariseth up light in the darkness; *he is merciful, loving, and righteous.* It is well with the man that is merciful and lendeth, *and ordereth his affairs with justice.* For he shall never be moved:/ and the righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance, He will not be afraid of any evil tidings; *for his heart standeth fast and believeth in the LORD.*

EPISTLE: *Romans 8:31–39*

*A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the
Apostle to the Romans.*



WHAT shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth; who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ALTERNATE EPISTLE: *Revelation 21:1–7*

A reading from the Revelation to Saint John.



AND I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God

is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

GOSPEL: *John 6:35–40*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint John.*



ESUS said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger, and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Weddings

The Celebration of Holy Matrimony

INTROIT PSALM: 128

BLESSED are all they that fear the LORD, and walk in his ways. For thou shalt eat the labour of thy hands: O well is it with thee, and happy shalt thou be. Thy wife shall be as the fruitful vine, *within the walls of thine house*; Thy children like the olive-branches, *round about thy table*. Lo, thus shall the man be blessed, *that feareth the LORD*. The LORD from out of Sion shall so bless thee, *that thou shalt see Jerusalem in prosperity all thy life long*. Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, *and peace upon Israel*.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end*. Amen. Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, *and peace upon Israel*.

ALTERNATE INTROIT PSALM: 67

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us, *and show us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us*; That thy way may be known upon earth, *thy saving health among all nations*. Let the people praise thee, O God; *yea, let all the people praise thee*. O let the nations rejoice and be glad; *for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth*. Let the people praise thee, O God; *yea, let all the people praise thee*. The earth hath brought forth her increase; *and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing*. God shall bless us; *and all the ends of the world shall fear him*.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end*. Amen. GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us, *and*

show us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us.

COLLECT

GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family In heaven and earth is named: Sanctify and bless these thy servants; and grant that those whom thou by matrimony dost make one, may steadfastly keep the covenant betwixt them made, and ever remain in perfect love and peace together; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: Genesis 2:18–25

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

AND the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him. And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; and the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore

shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

GRADUAL PSALM: 127:1-3



EXCEPT the LORD build the house, *their labour is but lost that build it.* Except the LORD keep the city, *the watchman keepeth vigil but in vain.* It is but lost labour that ye haste to rise up early, and so late take rest, and eat the bread of carefulness; *for so he giveth his beloved sleep.*

EPISTLE: *Colossians 3:15-24*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Colossians.



LET the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do, in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks

to God and the Father by him. Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them. Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged. Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eye-service, as men-pleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God: and whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.

GOSPEL: *Matthew 19:4-6*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Matthew.



JESUS answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, and said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

Church Consecrations

At the Consecration of a Church

INTROIT PSALM: 147:12–20



RAISE the LORD, O Jerusalem: *praise thy God, O Sion.* For he hath made fast the bars of thy gates, *and hath blessed thy children within thee.* He maketh peace in thy borders, *and filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.* He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth; *and his word runneth very swiftly.* He giveth snow like wool, *and scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes.* He casteth forth his ice like morsels: *who is able to abide his frost?* He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: *he bloweth with his wind, and the waters flow.* He showeth his word unto Jacob, *his statutes and ordinances unto Israel.* He hath not dealt so with any nation; *neither have they knowledge of his laws.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem: *praise thy God, O Sion.*

COLLECT



MOST glorious God, whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain: Graciously accept the dedication of this place to thy service; and grant that all who shall call upon thee here, may worship thee in spirit and in truth, and may in their lives show forth thy praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

LESSON: 1 Kings 8:22–30

A reading from the First Book of Kings.



SOLOMON stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven: and he said, Lord God of Israel, there is no God like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, who keepest covenant and mercy with thy servants that walk before thee with all their heart: who hast kept with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him: thou spakest also with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with thine hand, as it is this day. Therefore now, Lord God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him, saying, There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Israel; so that thy children take heed to their way, that they walk before me as thou hast walked before me. And now, O God of Israel, let thy word, I pray thee, be verified, which thou spakest unto thy servant David my father. But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded? Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O Lord my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer, which thy servant prayeth before thee to day: that thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, even toward the place of which thou hast said, My name shall be there: that thou mayest hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall make toward this place. And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place:

and hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place:
and when thou hearest, forgive.

GRADUAL PSALM: 68:29–32



ING unto God, O ye kingdoms of the earth: *O sing praises unto the Lord; Who rideth in the high heavens, which are of old: lo, he doth send out his voice, yea, and that a mighty voice. Ascribe ye the power to God; his majesty is over Israel, and his strength is in the clouds. O God, terrible art thou in thy holy places: even the God of Israel; he giveth strength and power unto his people. Blessed be God.*

EPISTLE: *Revelation 21:1–7*

A reading from the Revelation to Saint John.



JOHN saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne

said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

GOSPEL: *Matthew 21:12–16*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Matthew.



AND Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all those who sold and bought in the temple; and overthrew the tables of the money-changers, and the seats of those who sold doves; and he said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer, but you have made it a den of thieves. And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. And when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children shouting in the temple and saying, Hosanna to the son of David; they were sore displeased, and said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus said unto them, Yea: have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?

Conferences

Common Readings for Conferences or Retreats

INTROIT PSALM: 121



LWILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills: O whence cometh my help? My help cometh even from the LORD, *who hath made heaven and earth*. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: *and he that keepeth thee will not sleep*. Behold, he that keepeth Israel *shall neither slumber nor sleep*. The LORD himself is thy keeper: *the LORD is thy defence upon thy right hand*; So that the sun shall not burn thee by day, *neither the moon by night*. The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: *yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul*. The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in, *from this time forth for evermore*.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end*. Amen. The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in, *from this time forth for evermore*.

COLLECT



ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

LESSON: 1 Kings 19:4–13

A reading from the First Book of Kings.



ELIJAH went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers. And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat. And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again. And the angel of the Lord came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee. And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God.

And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah? And he said, I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away. And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the Lord. And, behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the Lord was not in the earthquake: and af-

ter the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice. And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah?

GRADUAL PSALM: 123



INTO thee lift I up mine eyes, O *thou that dwellest in the heavens*. Behold, even as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, *and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress*, Even so our eyes wait upon the LORD our God, *until he have mercy upon us*. Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us; *for we are utterly despised*. Our soul is filled with the scornful reproof of the wealthy, *and with the despitefulness of the proud*.

EPISTLE: *Ephesians 3:14–21*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Ephesians.



FOR this cause I bow my knees unto the Father, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that

Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints, what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that ye may be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

GOSPEL: *Matthew II:25–29*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Matthew.



AT that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in thy sight. All things are delivered unto me of my Father; and no man knoweth the Son but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal him. Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Synods

Common Readings for Synods or Rural Deanery Meetings

INTROIT PSALM: 68:7–10



GOD, when thou wentest forth before thy people, *when thou wentest through the wilderness*, The earth shook, and the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God: *Sinai also quaked at the presence of God, who is the God of Israel*. Thou, O God, sentest a gracious rain upon thine inheritance, *and refreshedst it when it was weary*. Thy congregation dwelt therein; *for thou, O God, of thy goodness didst provide for the poor*.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* Thy congregation dwelt therein; *for thou, O God, of thy goodness didst provide for the poor*.

COLLECTS



GUIDE, we beseech thee, Almighty God, by the light of thy Holy Spirit, the counsels of the Bishop[s], Clergy, and Laity at this time assembled in General [Provincial, Diocesan] Synod; that thy Church may dwell in peace, and fulfil all the mind of him who loved it and gave himself for it, thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Or this:



LORD, we beseech thee to keep thy Church and household continually in thy true religion; that they who do lean only upon the hope of thy heavenly grace may evermore be defended by thy mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

LESSON: Ezekiel 36:25–31

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel.



WHEN will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God. I will also save you from all your uncleannesses: and I will call for the corn, and will increase it, and lay no famine upon you. And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, that ye shall receive no more reproach of famine among the heathen. Then shall ye remember your own evil ways, and your doings that were not good, and shall lothe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations.

GRADUAL PSALM: 68:29–32



SING unto God, O ye kingdoms of the earth: *O sing praises unto the Lord; Who rideth in the high heavens, which are of old: lo, he doth send out his voice, yea, and that a mighty voice. Ascribe ye the power to God; his majesty is over Israel, and his strength is in the clouds. O God, terrible art thou in thy holy places: even the God of Israel; he giveth strength and power unto his people. Blessed be God.*

EPISTLE: *Acts 2:38–47*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

WHEN Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this crooked generation. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized; and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued stedfastly in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers. And fear came upon every soul; and many wonders and signs were done by the Apostles. And all that believed were together, and had all things in common; and sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men as every man had need. And they continued daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their food with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God, and having favour with all the people.

GOSPEL: *John 16:5–15*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint John.*

JESUS said unto his disciples, Now I go my way to him that sent me, and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou? But, because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgement: of sin, because they believe not on me; of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; of judgement, because the prince of this world is judged. I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit, when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall show it unto you.

Parochial Missions

Common Readings for Parochial Missions

INTROIT PSALM: 51:1-7

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness; *according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.* Wash me throughly from my wickedness, *and cleanse me from my sin.* For I acknowledge my faults, *and my sin is ever before me.* Against thee only have I sinned, and done that which is evil in thy sight; *that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and clear when thou dost judge.* Behold, I was brought forth in wickedness, *and in sin hath my mother conceived me.* But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts, *and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.* Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; *thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; *thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.*

COLLECTS

RISE up, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy power and come among us; that by thy protection we may be rescued from the bondage of our sins, and saved by thy mighty deliverance; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, world without end. Amen.

Or this:

WE beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts; that, as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: Joshua 24:19-23

A reading from the Book of Joshua.

AND Joshua said unto the people, Ye cannot serve the Lord: for he is an holy God; he is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins. If ye forsake the Lord, and serve strange gods, then he will turn and do you hurt, and consume you, after that he hath done you good. And the people said unto Joshua, Nay; but we will serve the Lord. And Joshua said unto the people, Ye are witnesses against yourselves that ye have chosen you the Lord, to serve him. And they said, We are witnesses. Now therefore put away, said he, the strange gods which are among you, and incline your heart unto the Lord God of Israel.

GRADUAL PSALM: 51:10-13

MAKE me a clean heart, O God, *and renew a right spirit within me.* Cast me not away from thy presence, *and take not thy holy spirit from me.* O give me the comfort of thy help again, *and stablish me with a free spirit.* Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked, *and sinners shall be converted unto thee.*

EPISTLE: *Romans 3:19–25*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Romans.



WHATSOEVER things the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world be made subject to the judgement of God; for no flesh shall be accounted righteous in his sight by the works of the law; for by the law cometh knowledge of sin; but now the righteousness of God hath been revealed apart from the law, being witnessed to by the law and the prophets; even the righteousness of God, which is by faith in Jesus Christ for all them that believe. For there is no distinction made; for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God, and are granted righteousness as a free gift through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus, whom God hath set forth to be an atonement, through faith, by his blood.

GOSPEL: *Luke 15:11–32*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Luke.



AND he spake to them another parable, A certain man had two sons: and the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living. And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living. And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want. And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave

unto him. And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants. And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: and bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry. Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant. And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound. And he was angry, and would not go in: therefore came his father out, and entreated him. And he answering said to his father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends: but as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf. And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine. It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found.

Diaconal Ordinations

At the Ordination of a Deacon

INTROIT PSALM: 135:1-4



PRAISE the LORD, laud ye the Name of the LORD; *praise it, O ye servants of the LORD, Ye that stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God. O praise the LORD, for the LORD is gracious: O sing praises unto his Name, for it is lovely. For why? the LORD hath chosen Jacob unto himself, and Israel for his own possession.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* O praise the LORD, laud ye the Name of the LORD; *praise it, O ye servants of the LORD.*

COLLECT



LMIGHTY God, who by thy divine providence hast appointed divers Orders of Ministers in thy Church, and didst inspire thine Apostles to choose into the Order of Deacons the first Martyr Saint Stephen, with others: Mercifully behold these thy servants now called to the like office and administration; replenish them so with the truth of thy doctrine, and adorn them with innocency of life, that, both by word and good example, they may faithfully serve thee in this office, to the glory of thy Name, and the edification of thy Church; through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the holy Ghost, now and for ever. Amen.

LESSON: *Numbers 3:5-9, 8:13-19*

A reading from the Book of Numbers.




AND the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Bring the tribe of Levi near, and present them before Aaron the priest, that they may minister unto him. And they shall keep his charge, and the charge of the whole congregation before the tabernacle of the congregation, to do the service of the tabernacle. And they shall keep all the instruments of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the charge of the children of Israel, to do the service of the tabernacle. And thou shalt give the Levites unto Aaron and to his sons: they are wholly given unto him out of the children of Israel.

And thou shalt set the Levites before Aaron, and before his sons, and offer them for an offering unto the Lord. Thus shalt thou separate the Levites from among the children of Israel: and the Levites shall be mine. And after that shall the Levites go in to do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation: and thou shalt cleanse them, and offer them for an offering. For they are wholly given unto me from among the children of Israel; instead of such as open every womb, even instead of the firstborn of all the children of Israel, have I taken them unto me. For all the firstborn of the children of Israel are mine, both man and beast: on the day that I smote every firstborn in the land of Egypt I sanctified them for myself. And I have taken the Levites for all the firstborn of the children of Israel. And I have given the Levites as a gift to Aaron and to his sons from among the children of Israel, to do the service of the children


of Israel in the tabernacle of the congregation, and to make an atonement for the children of Israel: that there be no plague among the children of Israel, when the children of Israel come nigh unto the sanctuary.

GRADUAL PSALM: 135:19–21

 RAISE the LORD, ye house of Israel: praise the LORD, ye house of Aaron. Praise the LORD, ye house of Levi: ye that fear the LORD, praise the LORD. Praised be the LORD out of Sion, who dwelleth at Jerusalem.


EPISTLE: 1 Timothy 3:8–13

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to Timothy.

 IKEWISE must the deacons be grave, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre; holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless. Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things. Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well. For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

ALTERNATE EPISTLE: Acts 6:2–7


A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

HEN the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men

of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word. And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch: whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:35–38

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Luke.

ET your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; and ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately. Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching. Verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them. And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants.

Priestly Ordinations

At the Ordination of a Priest

INTROIT PSALM: 51:7-13

THOU shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; *thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.* Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness, *that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.* Turn thy face from my sins, *and put out all my misdeeds.* Make me a clean heart, O God, *and renew a right spirit within me.* Cast me not away from thy presence, *and take not thy holy spirit from me.* O give me the comfort of thy help again, *and stablish me with a free spirit.* Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked, *and sinners shall be converted unto thee.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked, *and sinners shall be converted unto thee.*

COLLECT

ALmighty God, giver of all good things, who by thy Holy Spirit hast appointed divers Orders of Ministers in thy Church: Mercifully behold these thy servants now called to the office of Priesthood; and replenish them so with the truth of thy doctrine, and adorn them with innocency of life, that both by word and good example they may faithfully serve thee in this office, to the glory of thy Name, and the edification of thy Church; through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

LESSON: Isaiah 6:1-8

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

IN the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts. Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: and he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

GRADUAL PSALM: 132:7-10

WE will go into his dwelling-place, *and fall low on our knees before his footstool.* Arise, O LORD, into thy resting-place, *thou, and the ark of thy strength.* Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness; *and let thy saints sing with joyfulness.* For thy servant David's sake, *turn not away the face of thine anointed.*

EPISTLE: *Ephesians 4:7–13*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Ephesians.



INTO every one of us is given grace, according to the measure of the gift of Christ; wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things. And he gave some, Apostles; and some, Prophets; and some, Evangelists; and some, Pastors and Teachers; for the perfecting of the saints for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ; till we all come, in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.

GOSPEL: *Matthew 9:36–38*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Matthew.



WHEN Jesus saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

ALTERNATE GOSPEL: *John 10:1–16*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint John.



VERILY, verily I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheep-fold, but climbeth up some

other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep: to him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice, and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. And, when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him; for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow; but will flee from him; for they know not the voice of strangers. This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them. Then said Jesus unto them again; Verily, verily I say unto You, I am the door of the sheep. All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers; but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The thief cometh not but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth; and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one flock, and one shepherd.

Episcopal Consecrations

At the Consecration of a Bishop

INTROIT PSALM: 132:11-18

THE LORD hath made a faithful oath unto David, *and he shall not shrink from it: 'Of the fruit of thy body shall I set upon thy throne. If thy children will keep my covenant, and my testimonies that I shall teach them, their children shall sit upon thy throne for evermore.'* For the LORD hath chosen Sion; *he hath longed for her to be an habitation for himself: 'This shall be my rest for ever: here will I dwell, for I have a delight therein. I will bless her victuals with increase, and will satisfy her poor with bread. I will clothe her priests with salvation, and her saints shall rejoice and sing. There shall I make the horn of David to flourish: I have ordained a lantern for mine anointed.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. I will clothe her priests with salvation, and her saints shall rejoice and sing.*

COLLECT

ALmighty God, who by thy Son Jesus Christ didst give to thy holy Apostles many excellent gifts, and didst charge them to feed thy flock: Give grace, we beseech thee, to all Bishops, the Pastors of thy Church, that they may diligently preach thy Word, and duly administer the godly discipline thereof; and grant to the people, that they may obediently follow the same; that all may receive the crown of everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON: *Leviticus 8:1-13*

A reading from the Book of Leviticus.

AND the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Take Aaron and his sons with him, and the garments, and the anointing oil, and a bullock for the sin offering, and two rams, and a basket of unleavened bread; and gather thou all the congregation together unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And Moses did as the Lord commanded him; and the assembly was gathered together unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And Moses said unto the congregation, This is the thing which the Lord commanded to be done.

And Moses brought Aaron and his sons, and washed them with water. And he put upon him the coat, and girded him with the girdle, and clothed him with the robe, and put the ephod upon him, and he girded him with the curious girdle of the ephod, and bound it unto him therewith. And he put the breastplate upon him: also he put in the breastplate the Urim and the Thummim. And he put the mitre upon his head; also upon the mitre, even upon his forefront, did he put the golden plate, the holy crown; as the Lord commanded Moses. And Moses took the anointing oil, and anointed the tabernacle and all that was therein, and sanctified them. And he sprinkled thereof upon the altar seven times, and anointed the altar and all his vessels, both the laver and his foot, to sanctify them. And he poured of the anointing oil upon Aaron's head, and anointed him, to sanctify him. And Moses brought Aaron's sons, and put coats

upon them, and girded them with girdles, and put bonnets upon them; as the Lord commanded Moses.

GRADUAL PSALM: 133

BEHOLD, how good and joyful a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious oil upon the head, that ran down unto the beard, *even unto Aaron's beard, and went down to the collar of his clothing*; Like as the dew of Hermon, *which falleth upon the hills of Sion*. For there the LORD promised his blessing, *even life for evermore*.

EPISTLE: 1 Timothy 3:1–7

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to Timothy.

THIS is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; one that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (for if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the Church of God?) Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover, he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

ALTERNATE EPISTLE: Acts 20:17–35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.



AND from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church. And when they were come to him, he said unto them, Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons, serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews: and how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house, testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me. But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God. And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more. Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.

Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw

away disciples after them. Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified. I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel. Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me. I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

GOSPEL: *John 21:15–17*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint John.*

JESUS saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of John, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of John, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord;

thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of John, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

ALTERNATE GOSPEL: *John 20:19–23*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint John.*



JHE same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. And when he had so said, he showed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad when they saw the Lord. Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost. Whosoever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whosoever sins ye retain, they are retained.