

**T**he Collect

God the King of glory, who has exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to thy kingdom in heaven: we beseech thee, leave us not desolate; but send thy Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to the same place where our Saviour Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with thee and the same Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

**T**he Old Testament Reading is taken from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, beginning to read in Chapter 64 at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.

64:1 O that thou wouldst rend the heavens and come down,  
that the mountains might quake at thy presence—  
2 as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil—  
to make thy name known to thy adversaries,  
and that the nations might tremble at thy presence!  
3 When thou didst terrible things which we looked not for,  
thou camest down, the mountains quaked at thy presence.  
4 From of old no one has heard  
or perceived by the ear,  
no eye has seen a God besides thee,  
who works for those who wait for him.

The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

**T**he New Testament Reading is taken from the Epistle of St Paul to the Ephesians, beginning to read in Chapter 1 at the 15<sup>th</sup> verse.

1:15 For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints,  
16 I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers,  
17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him,  
18 having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,  
19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe, according to the working of his great might  
20 which he accomplished in Christ when he raised him from the dead and made him sit at his right hand in the heavenly places,

21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion,  
and above every name that is named,  
not only in this age but also in that which is to come;  
22 and he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head  
over all things for the church,  
23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

**P**salm appointed 24

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

**H**ear the Holy Gospel according to St Luke.  
Glory to you, O Lord.

24:44 Then he said to them,  
“These are my words which I spoke to you, while I was still with you,  
that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets  
and the psalms must be fulfilled.”  
45 Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,  
46 and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and  
on the third day rise from the dead,  
47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his  
name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.  
48 You are witnesses of these things.  
49 And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you;  
but stay in the city, until you are clothed with power from on high.”

50 Then he led them out as far as Bethany,  
and lifting up his hands he blessed them.  
51 While he blessed them,  
he parted from them and was carried up into heaven.  
52 And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy,  
53 and were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ.

Postcommunion Collect

**P**O Lord, who hast vouchsafed to satisfy us with the sacred gifts of thy bounty: grant, we beseech thee, that we may ever continue to render thanks unto thee for the same. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who livest and reignest with Thee in the Unity of the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.