

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your 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.

The Old Testament Reading is taken from the Book of the Prophet Hosea, beginning to read in Chapter 6 at the 1st verse.

6:1 “Come, let us return to the Lord;
for he has torn, that he may heal us;
he has stricken, and he will bind us up.
2 After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.
3 Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord;
his going forth is sure as the dawn;
he will come to us as the showers,
as the spring rains that water the earth.”

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

The New Testament Reading is taken from the First Epistle of St Paul to the Romans, beginning to read in Chapter 8 at the 18th verse.

8:18 I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.
19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God;
20 for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of him who subjected it in hope;
21 because the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God.
22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning in travail together until now;
23 and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.
24 For in this hope we were saved.
Now hope that is seen is not hope.

For who hopes for what he sees?

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

26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought,

but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words.

27 And he who searches the hearts of men knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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

Psalm appointed 145:15-21

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Hear the Holy Gospel according to St John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

16:23 In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, if you ask anything of the Father, he will give it to you in my name.

24 Hitherto you have asked nothing in my name; ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

25 “I have said this to you in figures; the hour is coming when I shall no longer speak to you in figures but tell you plainly of the Father.

26 In that day you will ask in my name;

and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you; 27 for the Father himself loves you,

because you have loved me and have believed that I came from the Father.

28 I came from the Father and have come into the world; again, I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”

29 His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly, not in any figure!

30 Now we know that you know all things, and need none to question you;

by this we believe that you came from God.”

31 Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe?
32 The hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered,
every man to his home, and will leave me alone;
yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me.
33 I have said this to you, that in me you may have peace.
In the world you have tribulation;
but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

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

Postcommunion Collect
Grant, we beseech thee, O Lord: that we, whom thou hast fulfilled
with the bounty of thy heavenly banquet, may evermore desire
those things that are according to thy will, and effectually obtain all
things that we desire. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who livest and
reignest with Thee in the Unity of the Holy Spirit, world without end.
Amen.