

The Collect

Lead us, Lord, with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help: that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Old Testament Reading is taken from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel, beginning in Chapter 2 at the 1st verse.

2:1 And he said to me, “Son of man, stand upon your feet, and I will speak with you.” 2 And when he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me upon my feet; and I heard him speaking to me.

3 And he said to me, “Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels, who have rebelled against me; they and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day.

4 The people also are impudent and stubborn:

I send you to them; and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God.’

5 And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that there has been a prophet among them.

6 And you, son of man, be not afraid of them, nor be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns are with you and you sit upon scorpions; be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house.

7 And you shall speak my words to them, whether they hear or refuse to hear; for they are a rebellious house.

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

The New Testament Reading is taken from the Epistle to the Colossians, beginning in Chapter 3 at the 12th verse.

3: 12 Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience,

13 forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other;

as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

14 And above all these put on love,

which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as you teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

Psalm appointed 37:1-6

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit.

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

4:31 Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.”

32 But he said to them, “I have food to eat of which you do not know.”

33 So the disciples said to one another, “Has any one brought him food?”

34 Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work.

35 Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, then comes the harvest’?

I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest.

36 He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.

37 For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’

38 I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have laboured, and you have entered into their labor.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Postcommunion Collect

PWe pray thee, O Lord, that we being quickened by these mysteries which we have received: may thereby be cleansed from all our sins; and made ready for the obtaining of everlasting mercy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who livest and reignest with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.