

The Collect

Almighty God, the protector of all who 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, Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord. Amen.

The Old Testament Reading is taken from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah, beginning to read in Chapter 17 at the 7th verse.

17:7 "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.

8 He is like a tree planted by water,
that sends out its roots by the stream,
and does not fear when heat comes,
for its leaves remain green,
and is not anxious in the year of drought,
for it does not cease to bear fruit."

9 The heart is deceitful above all things,
and desperately corrupt;
who can understand it?

10 "I the Lord search the mind
and try the heart,
to give every man according to his ways,
according to the fruit of his doings."

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

The New Testament Reading is taken from the Epistle of St Paul to the Galatians, beginning to read in the 5th Chapter at the 16th verse.

5:16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh.

17 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit,
and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh;
for these are opposed to each other,
to prevent you from doing what you would.

18 But if you are led by the Spirit you are not under the law.

19 Now the works of the flesh are plain:

immorality, impurity, licentiousness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, anger, selfishness, dissension, party spirit, 21 envy, drunkenness, carousing, and the like.

I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control;

against such there is no law.

24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus
have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

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

Psalm appointed 1.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

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

7:13 “Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is easy, that leads
to destruction,

and those who enter by it are many.

14 For the gate is narrow and the way is hard, that leads to life,
and those who find it are few.

15 “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing
but inwardly are ravenous wolves.

16 You will know them by their fruits.

Are grapes gathered from thorns, or figs from thistles?

17 So, every sound tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears evil fruit.

18 A sound tree cannot bear evil fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit.

19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

20 Thus you will know them by their fruits.

21 “Not every one who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of
heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Postcommunion Collect

Grant, O Lord, we pray thee, that these heavenly mysteries may renew us
both in body and soul: that we which have therein offered unto thee our
outward worship may inwardly feel the effectual benefit of the same. Through
Jesus Christ our Lord, who livest and reignest with Thee in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.