

The Collects

The 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 living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. Amen.

Come, Lord, in might and deliver us from the sins which threaten to enslave us, that under thy protection we may stand fast in the freedom of thy gospel; who lives and reigns with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

The Old Testament reading is taken from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, beginning to read in Chapter 62 at the 10th verse.

62:10 Go through, go through the gates,
prepare the way for the people;
build up, build up the highway,
clear it of stones,
lift up an ensign over the peoples.
11 Behold, the Lord has proclaimed
to the end of the earth:
Say to the daughter of Zion,
“Behold, your salvation comes;
behold, his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.”
12 And they shall be called The holy people,
The redeemed of the Lord;
and you shall be called Sought out,
a city not forsaken.

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

The New Testament reading is taken from the Epistle of St Paul to the Romans, beginning to read in Chapter 13 at the 8th verse.

13:8 Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbour has fulfilled the law. 9 The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not kill, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this sentence, “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” 10 Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore love

is the fulfilling of the law. 11 Besides this you know what hour it is, how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; 12 the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; 13 let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

Psalm appointed 96:9-13

Priest: The Lord be with thee.

All: And with thy spirit.

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

21.1 And when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Beth'phage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples,
2 saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me.
3 If any one says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and he will send them immediately."
4 This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying,
5 "Tell the daughter of Zion,
Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on an ass,
and on a colt, the foal of an ass."
6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; 7 they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon.
8 Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.
9 And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"
10 And when he entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, "Who is this?"
11 And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee."

12 And Jesus entered the temple of God and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. 13 He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer'; but you make it a den of robbers."

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

Postcommunion Collect of Advent (Anglican Missal)
Grant to us, O Lord. We beseech thee: so to wait for thy loving kindness in the midst of thy Temple, that in readiness of heart and mind we may hail the coming feast of our redemption. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who livest and reignest with Thee in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Postcommunion of St Mary
We beseech thee, O Lord: 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 to the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who livest and reignest with Thee in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Postcommunion for the Church
Grant, we beseech the, O Lord our God: that we whom thou hast made partakers of heavenly gladness, may by thee be defended from all earthly perils. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who livest and reignest with Thee in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.