

The Collect

Lord, the Maker and Redeemer of all believers: grant to the faithful departed all the unsearchable benefits of thy Son's Passion; that in the day of his appearing they may be manifested as thy children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Old Testament reading is taken from the Book of Wisdom, beginning to read in Chapter 3 at the 1st verse.

^{3:1} But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them.

² In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be an affliction,

³ and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace.

⁴ For though in the sight of men they were punished, their hope is full of immortality.

⁵ Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;

⁶ like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them.

⁷ In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble.

⁸ They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them for ever.

⁹ Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his elect, and he watches over his holy ones.

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

The New Testament reading is taken from the 1st Epistle of St Paul to the Corinthians, beginning to read in Chapter 15 at the 51st verse

^{15:51} Lo! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this perishable nature must put on the imperishable, and this mortal nature must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

⁵⁵ “O death, where is thy victory?

O death, where is thy sting?”

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Psalm appointed 130

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

^{11:21} Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.

²² And even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.”

²³ Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

²⁴ Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,

²⁶ and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

²⁷ She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, he who is coming into the world.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Or (see below)

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

^{5:25} “Truly, truly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.

²⁶ For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself,

²⁷ and has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of man.

²⁸ Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice

²⁹ and come forth, those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of judgment.

Postcommunion Collect

Grant, O Lord, we pray thee, that our supplications may be acceptable in thy sight: that the souls of thy servants and handmaidens, being delivered from all their sins, may be made partakers of thy heavenly redemption. Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, now and forever. Amen.