

The Collect

Lord, we beseech thee to keep thy Church and household continually in thy true religion; that those who lean only upon the hope of thy heavenly grace may evermore be defended by thy mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Old Testament Reading is taken from the Book of the Prophet Haggai, beginning to read in Chapter 2 at the 4th verse.

2:4 Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; work, for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts, 5 according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My Spirit abides among you; fear not.

6 For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land;

7 and I will shake all nations, so that the treasures of all nations shall come in, and I will fill this house with splendour, says the Lord of hosts.

8 The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts.

9 The latter splendour of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts.”

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

The New Testament reading is from the 1st Epistle of Peter, beginning to read in Chapter 2 at the 1st verse.

2:1 So put away all malice and all guile and insincerity and envy and all slander. 2 Like newborn babes, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation;

3 for you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.

4 Come to him, to that living stone, rejected by men but in God’s sight chosen and precious; 5 and like living stones be yourselves built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

6 For it stands in scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and he who believes in him will not be put to shame.”

7 To you therefore who believe, he is precious, but for those who do not believe,

“The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner,”

8 and

“A stone that will make men stumble, a rock that will make them fall”; for they stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people,

that you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

10 Once you were no people but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy but now you have received mercy.

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

Psalm appointed 118:19-24

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Hear the Holy Gospel according to St Luke.
Glory to you, O Christ.

2:41 Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover.

42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom;

43 and when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it,

44 but supposing him to be in the company they went a day’s journey, and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintances;

45 and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking him.

46 After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions;

47 and all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

48 And when they saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been looking for you anxiously."

49 And he said to them, "How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

50 And they did not understand the saying which he spoke to them.

51 And he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart.

52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favour with God and man.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Postcommunion Collect

We humbly beseech thee, Almighty God: that we, whom thou dost vouchsafe to regenerate with thy holy sacraments; may continually serve thee in all virtuous and godly living. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who livest and reignest with Thee in the Unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end. Amen.