

**T**he Collect

Lord, we beseech thee, absolve thy people from their offences; that through thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bonds of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed: grant this, heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

**T**he Old Testament Reading is taken from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah, beginning to read in Chapter 17 at the 12<sup>th</sup> verse.

17:12 A glorious throne set on high from the beginning  
is the place of our sanctuary.

13 O Lord, the hope of Israel,  
all who forsake thee shall be put to shame;  
those who turn away from thee shall be written in the earth,  
for they have forsaken the Lord, the fountain of living water.

14 Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed;  
save me, and I shall be saved;  
for thou art my praise.

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

**T**he New Testament Reading is taken from the Book of Acts, beginning to read in Chapter 10 at the 34<sup>th</sup> verse.

10:34 And Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I perceive that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every nation any one who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

36 You know the word which he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace by Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), 37 the word which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

39 And we are witnesses to all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree;  
40 but God raised him on the third day and made him manifest; 41 not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

42 And he commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that he is the one ordained by God to be judge of the living and the dead. 43 To him all the prophets bear witness that every one who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

**P**salm appointed 103:8-14

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

**H**ear the Holy Gospel according to St Mark.  
Glory to you, O Lord.

2:1 And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home.

2 And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door; and he was preaching the word to them.

3 And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men.

4 And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay.

5 And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "My son, your sins are forgiven."

6 Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts,

7 "Why does this man speak thus? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

8 And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question thus in your hearts?

9 Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your pallet and walk'?

10 But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic—

11 "I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home."

12 And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Postcommunion Collect

We render unto thee, O Lord, our hearty thanks, for that thou hast vouchsafed to quicken us with thy heavenly gifts: and we humbly beseech thy mercy that thou wouldest make us worthy of those things which we have received. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who livest and reignest with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end. Amen.