

The Collect

Lord we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Old Testament Reading is taken from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah, beginning to read in Chapter 31 at the 10th verse.

31:10 “Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands afar off;
say, ‘He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd keeps his flock.’
11 For the Lord has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.
12 They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall be like a watered garden,
and they shall languish no more.

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

The New Testament Reading is taken from St Paul’s letter to the Ephesians, beginning to read in Chapter 2 at the 11th verse.

12:11 Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh,
called the uncircumcision by what is called the circumcision,
which is made in the flesh by hands—
12 remember that you were at that time separated from Christ,
alienated from the commonwealth of Israel,
and strangers to the covenants of promise,
having no hope and without God in the world.
13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off
have been brought near in the blood of Christ.
14 For he is our peace,
who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of
hostility,
15 by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances,
that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making
peace, 16 and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross,
thereby bringing the hostility to an end.

17 And he came and preached peace to you who were far off
and peace to those who were near;
18 for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

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

Psalm appointed 119:169-end

Priest: The Lord be with you.
All: and also with you.

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

15:1 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him.
2 And the Pharisees and the scribes murmured, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."
3 So he told them this parable:
4 "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost, until he finds it? 5 And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. 6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost.'
7 Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.
8 "Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? 9 And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin which I had lost.'
10 Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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

Postcommunion Collect
We beseech thee, O Lord, that we which have received these holy mysteries: may by their power be cleansed from all our iniquities; and evermore be filled with the bounteous gifts of thy grace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord who livest and reignest with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

Third Sunday after Trinity