

**T**he Collect

God, who has prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**T**he Old Testament Reading is taken from the 1<sup>st</sup> Book of Chronicles, beginning to read in Chapter 28 at the 2<sup>nd</sup> verse.

28:2 Then King David rose to his feet and said:

“Hear me, my brethren and my people. I had it in my heart to build a house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and for the footstool of our God; and I made preparations for building.

3 But God said to me, ‘You may not build a house for my name, for you are a warrior and have shed blood.’

6 He said to me, ‘It is Solomon your son who shall build my house and my courts,

for I have chosen him to be my son, and I will be his father.

7 I will establish his kingdom for ever if he continues resolute in keeping my commandments and my ordinances, as he is today.’

8 Now therefore in the sight of all Israel, the assembly of the Lord, and in the hearing of our God,

observe and seek out all the commandments of the Lord your God;

that you may possess this good land, and leave it for an inheritance to your children after you for ever.

9 “And you, Solomon my son, know the God of your father, and serve him with a whole heart and with a willing mind; for the Lord searches all hearts, and understands every plan and thought.

If you seek him, he will be found by you;

but if you forsake him, he will cast you off for ever.

10 Take heed now, for the Lord has chosen you to build a house for the sanctuary; be strong, and do it.”

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

**T**he New Testament Reading is taken from the Epistle to the Hebrews, beginning to read in Chapter 12 at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.

12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

2 looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith,  
who for the joy that was set before him  
endured the cross, despising the shame,  
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

3 Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself,  
so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

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

**P**salm appointed 73:25-end

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

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

10:38 Now as they went on their way, he entered a village;  
and a woman named Martha received him into her house.

39 And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to  
his teaching.

40 But Martha was distracted with much serving;  
and she went to him and said,

"Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then  
to help me."

41 But the Lord answered her,

"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things;

42 one thing is needful.

Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

**P**ostcommunion Collect

Grant, O Lord, that the power of thy healing may mercifully cleanse us  
from all our perversities: and lead us henceforth in the paths of  
righteousness. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who livest and reignest with  
Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end. Amen.