

The Collect

God, whose never-failing providence orders all things both in heaven and earth: we humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Old Testament Reading is taken from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah, beginning to read in Chapter 9 at the 23rd verse.

9:23 Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, let not the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches;
24 but let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practice steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth; for in these things I delight, says the Lord."

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

The New Testament Reading is taken from the 1st Epistle of St John, beginning to read in Chapter 2 at the 13th verse

2:13 I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning.
I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one.
I write to you, children, because you know the Father.
14 I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning.
I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.
15 Do not love the world or the things in the world.
If any one loves the world, love for the Father is not in him.
16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life, is not of the Father but is of the world.
17 And the world passes away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides for ever.

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

Psalm appointed 71:1-6

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

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

6:24 “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other.

You cannot serve God and mammon.

25 “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink,

nor about your body, what you shall put on.

Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?

26 Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.

Are you not of more value than they?

27 And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life?

28 And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin;

29 yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith?

31 Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’

32 For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.

33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well.

34 “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself.

Let the day’s own trouble be sufficient for the day.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Postcommunion Collect

PWe beseech thee, O Lord, that the operation of thy heavenly bounty may in such wise prevail upon us both in body and soul: that the desires of our hearts being done away; we may in all things be governed by the effectual working of the same. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who livest and reignest with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end. Amen.