

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Old Testament Reading is taken from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, beginning to read in Chapter 43 at the 10th verse.

43:10 “You are my witnesses,” says the Lord,

“and my servant whom I have chosen,
that you may know and believe me
and understand that I am He.

Before me no god was formed,
nor shall there be any after me.

11 I, I am the Lord,
and besides me there is no saviour.

12 I declared and saved and proclaimed,
when there was no strange god among you;
and you are my witnesses,” says the Lord.

13 “I am God, and also henceforth I am He;
there is none who can deliver from my hand;
I work and who can hinder it?”

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

The New Testament Reading is taken from the Epistle to the Ephesians, beginning to read in Chapter 6 at the 10th verse.

6:10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.

11 Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12 For we are not contending against flesh and blood,
but against the principalities, against the powers,
against the world rulers of this present darkness,
against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

13 Therefore take the whole armour of God,
that you may be able to withstand in the evil day,
and having done all,
to stand.

14 Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

15 and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; 16 above all taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one.

17 And take the helmet of salvation,
and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

18 Pray at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication.

To that end keep alert with all perseverance,
making supplication for all the saints, 19 and also for me,
that utterance may be given me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the
mystery of the gospel,

20 for which I am an ambassador in chains;
that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

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

Psalm appointed 102:15-22

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

7:1 After he had ended all his sayings in the hearing of the people he entered Capernaum.

2 Now a centurion had a slave who was dear to him, who was sick and at the point of death.

3 When he heard of Jesus, he sent to him elders of the Jews, asking him to come and heal his slave.

4 And when they came to Jesus, they besought him earnestly, saying,
“He is worthy to have you do this for him, 5 for he loves our nation, and he built us our synagogue.”

6 And Jesus went with them.

When he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to him, saying to him, “Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; 7 therefore I did not presume to come to you.

But say the word, and let my servant be healed.

8 For I am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me:

and I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes;

and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes;

and to my slave, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.”

9 When Jesus heard this he marvelled at him, and turned and said to the multitude that followed him,

“I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith.”

10 And when those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave well.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Postcommunion Collect

O Lord, who dost vouchsafe to feed us with these holy gifts: grant we beseech thee; that we may be ever rendered worthy of the same, by walking obediently after thy commandments. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who livest and reignest with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.