

OPENING ACCLAMATION

CelebrantBlessed be God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and, that we may receive what we ask, teach us by your Holy Spirit to ask only those things that are pleasing to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the same Spirit lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your womb and in the fruit of your cattle and in the fruit of your ground. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, as he took delight in your fathers, ¹⁰ when you obey the voice of the LORD your God, to keep his commandments and his statutes that are written in this Book of the Law, when you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹¹ "For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. ¹² It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' ¹³ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' ¹⁴ But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALTER VERSES

(In said services, the psalm verses may be placed between the Epistle and the Gospel, with the congregation standing in preparation for the Gospel. At services where there is a hymn or canticle before the Gospel, the psalm might be said between the Old Testament and Epistle, the people seated.) Psalm 25:1-14(15-21)

¹ Unto you, O LORD, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in you; *

O let me not be ashamed, neither let my enemies triumph over me.

- ² For all those who hope in you shall not be ashamed, * but those who deal untruly shall be put to confusion.
- ³ Show me your ways, O LORD, * and teach me your paths.
- ⁴ Lead me forth in your truth and teach me, * for you are the God of my salvation; in you has been my hope all the day long.
- ⁵ Call to remembrance, O LORD, your tender mercies, * and your loving-kindnesses, which have been from of old.
- ⁶ O remember not the sins and offenses of my youth, * but according to your mercy think on me, O LORD, in your goodness.
- ⁷ Gracious and righteous is the LORD; * therefore will he teach sinners in the way.
- 8 Those who are meek shall he guide in judgment, * and those who are gentle shall he teach his way.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth * to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.
- ¹⁰ For your Name's sake, O LORD, * forgive my sin, for it is great.
- ¹¹ Who is the one who fears the LORD? * He shall teach him in the way that he shall choose.
- ¹² He shall dwell at ease, *

and his seed shall inherit the land.

- ¹³ The LORD reveals his secret counsel to those who fear him, * and he will show them his covenant.
- ¹⁴ My eyes are ever looking to the LORD, * for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.
- (¹⁵ Turn to me, and have mercy on me, * for I am desolate and in misery.
- ¹⁶ The sorrows of my heart are enlarged; * O bring me out of my troubles.
- ¹⁷ Look upon my adversity and misery * and forgive me all my sin.

¹⁸ Consider my enemies, how many they are, * and how they bear a tyrannous hate against me.

¹⁹ O keep my soul and deliver me; * let me not be ashamed, for I have put my trust in you.

²⁰ Let integrity and righteous dealing preserve me, * for my hope has been in you.

²¹ Deliver Israel, O God, * out of all his troubles.)

New Testament Reading

Colossians 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

² To the saints and faithful brothers[a] in Christ at Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³ We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴ since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, ⁶ which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, ⁷ just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf ⁸ and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹ And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 10:25-37

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" ²⁷ And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸ And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

²⁹ But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Offertory and Post-Communion Sentences

(Drawn from verses of Holy Scripture, these sentences are chosen by the celebrant or preacher to reinforce the lessons or teaching of the day.)

PROPER PREFACE

The Lord's Day

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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