

The Collect

GRANT, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Lesson

Isaiah 65:17-21

"For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. But be glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the child shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

1: I will extol thee, O LORD, for thou hast drawn me up, and hast not let my foes rejoice over me.

2: O LORD my God, I cried to thee for help, and thou hast healed me.

3: O LORD, thou hast brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

4: Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

5: For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

6: As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."

7: By thy favor, O LORD, thou hadst established me as a strong mountain; thou didst hide thy face, I was dismayed.

8: To thee, O LORD, I cried; and to the LORD I made supplication:

9: "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise thee? Will it tell of thy faithfulness?"

10: Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me! O LORD, be thou my helper!"

11: Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing; thou hast loosed my sackcloth and girded me with gladness,

12: that my soul may praise thee and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to thee for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost
*As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

The Epistle

Ephesians 6:10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 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. Therefore take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 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, and also for me, that utterance may be given me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

The Holy Gospel
Glory be to thee, O Lord

John 4: 46-54

Jesus came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And at Capernaum there was an official whose son was ill. When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went and begged him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. Jesus therefore said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe." The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my child dies." Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went his way. As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his son was living. So he asked them the hour when he began to mend, and they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him." The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live"; and he himself believed, and all his household. This was now the second sign that Jesus did when he had come from Judea to Galilee.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise be to thee, O Christ