

Lectionary

You are invited to follow the first two readings while seated, and as is the custom, to just listen, standing if possible, as the Holy Gospel is proclaimed.

Midweek 3rd September, Trinity 11

The Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

New Testament: Colossians 1:1-8

A reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians.

I Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, to the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father.
In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God.
This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord,
All: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 34:11-18

11. Come, my children, and listen to me; • I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
12. Who is there who delights in life • and longs for days to enjoy good things?
13. Keep your tongue from evil • and your lips from lying words.
14. Turn from evil and do good; • seek peace and pursue it.
15. The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous • and his ears are open to their cry.
16. The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, • to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
17. The righteous cry and the Lord hears them • and delivers them out of all their troubles.

18. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted • and will save those who are crushed in spirit.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 4:38-end

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

After leaving the synagogue he entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked him about her. Then he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. Immediately she got up and began to serve them.

As the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various kinds of diseases brought them to him; and he laid his hands on each of them and cured them.

Demons also came out of many, shouting, 'You are the Son of God!' But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Messiah.

At daybreak he departed and went into a deserted place. And the crowds were looking for him; and when they reached him, they wanted to prevent him from leaving them.

But he said to them, 'I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other cities also; for I was sent for this purpose.'

So he continued proclaiming the message in the synagogues of Judea.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

