

# 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 10th September, Trinity 12

### The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 3:1-11

*A reading from Pauls letter to the Colossians.*

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry).

On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient.

These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life.

But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth.

Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator.

In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

*This is the word of the Lord,*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Psalms 15

1. Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? • Who may rest upon your holy hill?

2. Whoever leads an uncorrupt life • and does the thing that is right;

3. Who speaks the truth from the heart • and bears no deceit on the tongue;

4. Who does no evil to a friend • and pours no scorn on a neighbour;

5. In whose sight the wicked are not esteemed, • but who honours those who fear the Lord.

6. Whoever has sworn to a neighbour • and never goes back on that word;

7. Who does not lend money in hope of gain, • nor takes a bribe against the innocent;

8. Whoever does these things • shall never fall.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### The Holy Gospel: Luke 6:20-26

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

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. 'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man.

Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Post Communion Prayer

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

