

# 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 15th October Trinity 17

### The Collect

Almighty God,  
you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:  
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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.**

### First reading: Romans 2:1-11

*A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.*

Therefore you have no excuse, whoever you are, when you judge others; for in passing judgement on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, are doing the very same things.

You say, 'We know that God's judgement on those who do such things is in accordance with truth.'

Do you imagine, whoever you are, that when you judge those who do such things and yet do them yourself, you will escape the judgement of God?

Or do you despise the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience? Do you not realize that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?

But by your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath, when God's righteous judgement will be revealed.

For he will repay according to each one's deeds: to those who by patiently doing good seek for glory and honour and immortality, he will give eternal life; while for those who are self-seeking and who obey not the truth but wickedness, there will be wrath and fury. There will be anguish and distress for everyone who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, but glory and honour and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek.

For God shows no partiality.

This is the word of the Lord,

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading: Psalm 62:1-8

1. On God alone my soul in stillness waits; • from him comes my salvation.

2. He alone is my rock and my salvation, • my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.

3. How long will all of you assail me to destroy me, • as you would a tottering wall or a leaning fence?
4. They plot only to thrust me down from my place of honour; lies are their chief delight; • they bless with their mouth, but in their heart they curse.
5. Wait on God alone in stillness, O my soul; • for in him is my hope.
6. He alone is my rock and my salvation, • my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.
7. In God is my strength and my glory; • God is my strong rock; in him is my refuge.
8. Put your trust in him always, my people; • pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

This is the word of the Lord,

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### The Holy Gospel: 11:42-46

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

'But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and herbs of all kinds, and neglect justice and the love of God; it is these you ought to have practised, without neglecting the others.'

Woe to you Pharisees! For you love to have the seat of honour in the synagogues and to be greeted with respect in the market-places.

Woe to you! For you are like unmarked graves, and people walk over them without realizing it.'

One of the lawyers answered him, 'Teacher, when you say these things, you insult us too.'

And he said, 'Woe also to you lawyers! For you load people with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not lift a finger to ease them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

### Post Communion Prayer

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**