

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 5th November

The Collect

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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 13:8-10

A reading from Pauls letter to the Romans.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

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

Second Reading: Psalm 112

1. Alleluia. Blessed are those who fear the Lord • and have great delight in his commandments.
2. Their descendants will be mighty in the land, • a generation of the faithful that will be blest.
3. Wealth and riches will be in their house, • and their righteousness endures for ever.
4. Light shines in the darkness for the upright; • gracious and full of compassion are the righteous.
5. It goes well with those who are generous in lending • and order their affairs with justice,
6. For they will never be shaken; • the righteous will be held in everlasting remembrance.
7. They will not be afraid of any evil tidings; • their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.
8. Their heart is sustained and will not fear, • until they see the downfall of their foes.
9. They have given freely to the poor; their righteousness stands fast for ever; • their head will be exalted with honour.
10. The wicked shall see it and be angry; they shall gnash their teeth in despair; • the desire of the wicked shall perish.

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The Holy Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

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

Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple.

Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it?

Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish."

Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand?

If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:
may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day

of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

