

# 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 17th December Advent 3

### The Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ,  
who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you:  
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### First reading: Genesis 49:2, 8-10

*A reading from the book of Genesis.*

Assemble and hear, O sons of Jacob; listen to Israel your father.

'Judah, your brothers shall praise you; your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; your father's sons shall bow down before you. Judah is a lion's whelp; from the prey, my son, you have gone up. He crouches down, he stretches out like a lion, like a lioness—who dares rouse him up? The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and the obedience of the peoples is his.

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

### Second reading: Psalm 72:1-5, 18-19

1. Give the king your judgements, O God, • and your righteousness to the son of a king.
2. Then shall he judge your people righteously • and your poor with justice.
3. May the mountains bring forth peace, • and the little hills righteousness for the people.
4. May he defend the poor among the people, • deliver the children of the needy and crush the oppressor.
5. May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, • from one generation to another.
18. Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, • who alone does wonderful things.
19. And blessed be his glorious name for ever. • May all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen.

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

### The Holy Gospel: Matthew 1:1-17

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

An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jeconiah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah. So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
*All: Praise to you, O Christ.*

### Post Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face;  
who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**