

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.

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The Collect

God, the giver of life,
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and
make us eager to do your will, that we may share with
the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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: Ephesians 3:2-12

A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

for surely you have already heard of the commission of
God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mys-
tery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above
in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to per-
ceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former
generations this mystery was not made known to human-
kind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and
prophets by the
Spirit:

that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of
the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus
through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift
of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his
power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this
grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of
the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see
what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who
created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of
God in its rich variety might now be made known to the
rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in
accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out
in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in
boldness and confidence through faith in him.

This is the word of the Lord,

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Psalm 98

1. Sing to the Lord a new song, • for he has done marvel-
lous things.
2. His own right hand and his holy arm • have won for him
the victory.
3. The Lord has made known his salvation; • his deliver-
ance has he openly shown in the sight of the
nations.
4. He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness towards
the house of Israel, • and all the ends of the earth have
seen the salvation of our God.

5. Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth; • break into
singing and make music.
6. Make music to the Lord with the lyre, • with the lyre
and the voice of melody.
7. With trumpets and the sound of the horn • sound
praises before the Lord, the King.
8. Let the sea thunder and all that fills it, • the world and
all that dwell upon it.
9. Let the rivers clap their hands • and let the hills ring out
together before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth.
10. In righteousness shall he judge the world • and the
peoples with equity.

This is the word of the Lord,

All: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 12:39-48

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

'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at
what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his
house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son
of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

Peter said, 'Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for
everyone?' And the Lord said, 'Who then is the faithful and
prudent manager whom his master will put in charge of his
slaves, to give them their allowance of food at the proper
time? Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work
when he arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in
charge of all his possessions. But if that slave says to himself,
"My master is delayed in coming", and if he begins to beat
the other slaves, men and women, and to eat and drink and
get drunk, the master of that slave will come on a day when
he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not
know, and will cut him in pieces, and put him with the un-
faithful. That slave who knew what his master wanted, but
did not prepare himself or do what was wanted, will receive
a severe beating. But one who did not know and did what
deserved a beating will receive a light beating. From every-
one to whom much has been given, much will be required;
and from one to whom much has been entrusted, even
more will be demanded.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father,
whose Son, the light unfailing, has come from heaven to de-
liver the world from the darkness of ignorance:
let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding
that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without
stumbling;

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