**The Collect and Readings appointed for the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

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.

**The Holy Gospel is written in that according to St Luke, chapter 14, verses 25-33**

Large crowds were travelling with Jesus, and turning to them he said:

“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother,

his wife and children,

his brothers and sisters –

yes, even his own life –

he cannot be my disciple.

And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

“Suppose one of you wants to build a tower.

Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it?

For if he lays the foundation and is not able to finish it,

everyone who sees it will ridicule him, saying,

‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’

“Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king.

Will he not first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men

to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand?

If he is not able,

he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace.

In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple.