

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 27th August, Trinity 10

The Collect

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please 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.

New Testament: I Thessalonians 2:9-13

A reading from Pauls 1st letter to the Thessalonians .

You remember our labour and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.

You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was towards you believers.

As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, urging and encouraging you and pleading that you should lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

This is the word of the Lord,

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 126

1. When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, • then were we like those who dream.
2. Then was our mouth filled with laughter • and our tongue with songs of joy.
3. Then said they among the nations, • 'The Lord has done great things for them.'
4. The Lord has indeed done great things for us, • and therefore we rejoiced.
5. Restore again our fortunes, O Lord, • as the river beds of the desert.
6. Those who sow in tears • shall reap with songs of joy.
7. Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed, • will come back with shouts of joy, bearing their sheaves with them.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 23:27-32

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

'Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which on the outside look beautiful, but inside they are full of the bones of the dead and of all kinds of filth.

So you also on the outside look righteous to others, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

'Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and decorate the graves of the righteous, and you say, "If we had lived in the days of our ancestors, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets." Thus you testify against yourselves that you are descendants of those who murdered the prophets.

Fill up, then, the measure of your ancestors.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

