

# 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 September, Trinity 13

## The Collect

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## New Testament: I Timothy 3:14-end

A reading from Pauls 1st letter to Timothy.

I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these instructions to you so that, if I am delayed, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and bulwark of the truth. Without any doubt, the mystery of our religion is great: He was revealed in flesh, vindicated in spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among Gentiles, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory. This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

### Psalm III:1-5

- I. Alleluia. I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, • in the company of the faithful and in the congregation.
- 2. The works of the Lord are great, sought out by all who delight in them.
- 3. His work is full of majesty and honour and his righteousness endures for ever.
- 4. He appointed a memorial for his marvellous deeds; • the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.
- 5. He gave food to those who feared him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

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

## The Holy Gospel: Luke 7:31-35

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

'To what then will I compare the people of this generation, and what are they like?

They are like children sitting in the market-place and calling to one another, "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not weep."

For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!"

Nevertheless, wisdom is vindicated by all her children.'

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

## **Post Communion Prayer**

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

