

## 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 10th December Advent 2

#### The Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### First reading: Isaiah 40:25-end

*A reading from the book of Isaiah.*

To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God'? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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

#### Second reading: Psalm 103:8-13

8. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, • slow to anger and of great kindness.

9. He will not always accuse us, • neither will he keep his anger for ever.

10. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, • nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

11. For as the heavens are high above the earth, • so great is his mercy upon those who fear him.

12. As far as the east is from the west, • so far has he set our sins from us.

13. As a father has compassion on his children, • so is the Lord merciful towards those who fear him.

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#### The Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:28-end

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ*

*according to Matthew.*

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

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

#### Post Communion Prayer

Father in heaven,  
who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge:  
give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith;

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

