

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 23rd September 2026 Ember Day

The Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, And also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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: Proverbs 30:5-9

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. Do not add to his words, or else he will rebuke you, and you will be found a liar.

Two things I ask of you; do not deny them to me before I die: Remove far from me falsehood and lying; give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food that I need, or I shall be full, and deny you, and say, 'Who is the Lord?' or I shall be poor, and steal, and profane the name of my God.

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

Second Reading: Psalm 119:105-112

105. Your word is a lantern to my feet • and a light upon my path.

106. I have sworn and will fulfil it, • to keep your righteous judgements.

107. I am troubled above measure; • give me life, O Lord, according to your word.

108. Accept the freewill offering of my mouth, O Lord, • and teach me your judgements.

109. My soul is ever in my hand, • yet I do not forget your law.

110. The wicked have laid a snare for me, • but I have not strayed from your commandments.

111. Your testimonies have I claimed as my heritage for ever; • for they are the very joy of my heart.

112. I have applied my heart to fulfil your statutes: •

always, even to the end.

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All: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 9:1-6

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

Then Jesus called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal.

He said to them, 'Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money—not even an extra tunic.

Whatever house you enter, stay there, and leave from there. Wherever they do not welcome you, as you are leaving that town shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.'

They departed and went through the villages, bringing the good news and curing diseases everywhere.

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

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

