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 25th November 2026
Next before Advent

The Collect
God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory. **Amen.**

First reading: Revelation 15:1-4

A reading from the book of Revelation.

Then I saw another portent in heaven, great and amazing: seven angels with seven plagues, which are the last, for with them the wrath of God is ended.
And I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who had conquered the beast and its image and the number of its name standing beside the sea of glass with harps of God in their hands. And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb:
'Great and amazing are your deeds,
Lord God the Almighty!
Just and true are your ways,
King of the nations!
Lord, who will not fear and glorify your name?
For you alone are holy.
All nations will come and worship before you, for your judgements have been revealed.'

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

Second Reading: Psalm 98

1. Sing to the Lord a new song, • for he has done marvellous things.
2. His own right hand and his holy arm • have won for him the victory.
3. The Lord has made known his salvation; • his deliverance has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
4. He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness towards the house of Israel, • and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
5. Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth; • break into singing and make music.
6. Make music to the Lord with the lyre, • with the lyre and the voice of melody.
7. With trumpets and the sound of the horn • sound praises before the Lord, the King.
8. Let the sea thunder and all that fills it, • the world and all that dwell upon it.
9. Let the rivers clap their hands • and let the hills ring out together before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth.
10. In righteousness shall he judge the world • and the peoples with equity.

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

The Holy Gospel: Luke 21:12-19

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

'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict.
You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name.
But not a hair of your head will perish.
By your endurance you will gain your souls.

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

Post Communion Prayer
Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

