

**The Collect**

BLESSED Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

**First Lesson**

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring forth for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

The Word of the Lord  
*Thanks be to God*

1: To thee, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

**2: O my God, in thee I trust, let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.**

3: Yea, let none that wait for thee be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**4: Make me to know thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths.**

5: Lead me in thy truth, and teach me, for thou art the God of my salvation; for thee I wait all the day long.

**6: Be mindful of thy mercy, O LORD, and of thy steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**

7: Remember not the sins of my youth, or my transgressions; according to thy steadfast love remember me, for thy goodness' sake, O LORD!

**8: Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

9: He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

**10: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

11: For thy name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

**12: Who is the man that fears the LORD? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose.**

13: He himself shall abide in prosperity, and his children shall possess the land.

**14: The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost  
*As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

## **The Epistle**

Romans 15:4-13

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise thee among the Gentiles, and sing to thy name"; and again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and further Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, he who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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## **The Holy Gospel** *Glory be to thee, O Lord*

Luke 21:25-33

"And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and upon the earth distress of nations in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, men fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." And he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees; as soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away till all has taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

The Gospel of the Lord  
*Praise be to thee, O Christ*