

Trinity 8

The Collect

O GOD, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; We humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Lesson

Sirach 27:4-7

When a sieve is shaken, the refuse remains; so a man's filth remains in his thoughts. The kiln tests the potter's vessels; so the test of a man is in his reasoning. The fruit discloses the cultivation of a tree; so the expression of a thought discloses the cultivation of a man's mind. Do not praise a man before you hear him reason, for this is the test of men.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 92:1-2,11-15

1: It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to thy name, O Most High;

2: to declare thy steadfast love in the morning, and thy faithfulness by night.

11: My eyes have seen the downfall of my enemies, my ears have heard the doom of my evil assailants.

12: The righteous flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

13: They are planted in the house of the LORD, they flourish in the courts of our God.

14: They still bring forth fruit in old age, they are ever full of sap and green,

15: to show that the LORD is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

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 8:12-17

So then, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh - for if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the spirit of sonship. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is the Spirit himself bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

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

Matthew 7:15-21

"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns, or figs from thistles? So, every sound tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears evil fruit. A sound tree cannot bear evil fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will know them by their fruits. "Not every one who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

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