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FRIDAY 26TH JUNE 2020 – EMBER DAY

COLLECT

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts,
by your Holy Spirit you have appointed
various orders of ministry in the Church:
look with mercy on your servants
now called to be deacons and priests;
maintain them in truth and renew them in holiness,
that by word and good example they may faithfully serve you
to the glory of your name and the benefit of your Church;
through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ
who is alive and reigns
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

2 KINGS 25. 1-12

A reading from the second book of Kings.

In the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, on the tenth day of the month, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came with all his army against Jerusalem, and laid siege to it; they built siege-works against it all round. So the city was besieged until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah. On the ninth day of the fourth month the famine became so severe in the city that there was no food for the people of the land. Then a breach was made in the city wall; the king with all the soldiers fled by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, by the king's garden, though the Chaldeans were all round the city. They went in the direction of the Arabah. But the army of the Chaldeans pursued the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jericho; all his army was scattered, deserting him. Then they captured the king and brought him up to the king of Babylon at Riblah, who passed sentence on him. They slaughtered the sons of Zedekiah

before his eyes, then put out the eyes of Zedekiah; they bound him in fetters and took him to Babylon.

In the fifth month, on the seventh day of the month—which was the nineteenth year of King Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon—Nebuzaradan, the captain of the bodyguard, a servant of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem. He burned the house of the Lord, the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem; every great house he burned down. All the army of the Chaldeans who were with the captain of the guard broke down the walls around Jerusalem. Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried into exile the rest of the people who were left in the city and the deserters who had defected to the king of Babylon—all the rest of the population. But the captain of the guard left some of the poorest people of the land to be vine-dressers and tillers of the soil.

For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 137. 1-6

R: Sing the songs of Zion.

By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept,
when we remembered Zion.
As for our lyres, we hung them up
on the willows that grow in that land. **R:**

For there our captors asked for a song,
our tormentors called for mirth:
'Sing us one of the songs of Zion.'
How shall we sing the Lord's song
in a strange land? **R:**

If I forget you, O Jerusalem,
let my right hand forget its skill.
Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth
if I do not remember you,
if I set not Jerusalem above my highest joy. **R:**

MATTHEW 8. 1-4

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening;
you have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus had come down from the mountain, great crowds followed him; and there was a leper who came to him and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, if you choose, you can make me clean.' He stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, 'I do choose. Be made clean!' Immediately his leprosy was cleansed. Then Jesus said to him, 'See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.'

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

Alleluia. **Alleluia. Alleluia.**

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Generous and faithful God,
grant that by the grace of this sacrament
our lives may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
we ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Loving Father,
we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son:
sustain us with your Spirit,
that we may serve you here on earth
until our joy is complete in heaven,
and we share in the eternal banquet
with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**