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COLLECT

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

ZECHARIAH 9. 9-12

A reading from the book of the prophet Zechariah.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the warhorse from Jerusalem;
and the battle-bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the
nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the
earth.
As for you also, because of the blood of
my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the

waterless pit.

Return to your stronghold, O prisoners
of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you
double.

For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145. 8-14

**R: Great is the glory of the Lord.
Alleluia!**

The Lord is gracious and merciful, long-
suffering and of great goodness. The Lord
is loving to everyone and his mercy is
over all his creatures. **R:**

All your works praise you, O Lord, and
your faithful servants bless you. They tell
of the glory of your kingdom and speak of
your mighty power, To make known to
all peoples your mighty acts and the
glorious splendour of your kingdom. **R:**
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
your dominion endures throughout all
ages. The Lord is sure in all his words and
faithful in all his deeds. **R:**

ROMANS 7. 15-25A

A reading from the letter of Paul to the
Romans.

I do not understand my own actions. For
I do not do what I want, but I do the very
thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not

want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

MATTHEW 11. 16-19, 25-30

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said:

‘But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, “We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;

we wailed, and you did not mourn.”

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.’

At that time Jesus said, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord Jesus Christ,
you came to live among us in time and space, grant that through this holy feast we may live in your eternal kingdom; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION

Eternal God,
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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