

had not come and spoken to them, they would not have been guilty of sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. <sup>23</sup> Whoever hates me hates my Father also. <sup>24</sup> If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin, but now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. <sup>25</sup> But the word that is written in their Law must be fulfilled: ‘They hated me without a cause.’

<sup>26</sup> “But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. <sup>27</sup> And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.”

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

***People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## OFFERTORY AND POST-COMMUNION SENTENCES

*(Drawn from verses of Holy Scripture, these sentences are chosen by the celebrant or preacher to reinforce the lessons or teaching of the day.)*

## PROPER PREFACE

*Apostles and Ordinations*

Through the great shepherd of your flock, Jesus Christ our Lord, who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations, and promised to be with them always, even to the end of the ages.

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## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Blessed be God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

***People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Grant, O God, that as your apostles Simon and Jude were faithful and zealous in their mission, so we may with ardent devotion make known the love and mercy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 32:1-4

“Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak, and let the earth hear the words of my mouth. <sup>2</sup> May my teaching drop as the rain, my speech distill as the dew, like gentle rain upon the tender grass, and like showers upon the herb. <sup>3</sup> For I will proclaim the name of the LORD; ascribe greatness to our God! <sup>4</sup> “The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

## PSALTER VERSES

*(In said services, the psalm verses may be placed between the Epistle and the Gospel, with the congregation standing in preparation for the Gospel. At services where there is a hymn or canticle before the Gospel, the psalm might be said between the Old Testament and Epistle, the people seated.)*

### Psalm 119:89-96

<sup>89</sup>O LORD, your word endures for ever; \*  
it stands fast in heaven.

<sup>90</sup>Your faithfulness remains from one generation to another; \*  
you have laid the foundation of the earth, and it abides.

<sup>91</sup>Surely your ordinances stand firm this day, \*  
for all things are your servants.

<sup>92</sup>If my delight had not been in your law, \*  
I should have perished in my affliction.

<sup>93</sup>I will never forget your commandments, \*  
for with them you have enlivened me.

<sup>94</sup>I am yours; O save me! \*  
For I have sought your commandments.

<sup>95</sup>The ungodly lie in wait for me to destroy me, \*  
but I will consider your testimonies.

<sup>96</sup>I see that all things come to an end, \*  
but your commandment has no bounds.

### EPISTLE READING

#### Ephesians 2:13-22

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup> For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility <sup>15</sup> by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create

in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, <sup>16</sup> and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. <sup>17</sup> And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup> For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup> So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup> built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, <sup>21</sup> in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup> In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

### THE HOLY GOSPEL

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
according to St. John

***People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

#### John 15:17-27

“These things I command you, so that you will love one another. <sup>18</sup> If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. <sup>19</sup> If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. <sup>20</sup> Remember the word that I said to you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. <sup>21</sup> But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. <sup>22</sup> If I