

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

Preface of the Lord's Day

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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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

Keep your Church, O Lord, by your perpetual mercy; and because without you the frailty of our nature causes us to fall, keep us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable for our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn her seven pillars. ² She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine; she has also set her table. ³ She has sent out her young women to call from the highest places in the town, ⁴ “Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!” To him who lacks sense she says, ⁵ “Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. ⁶ Leave your simple ways, and live, and walk in the way of insight.”

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 147

- ¹ Praise the LORD, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God; *
indeed, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.
- ² The LORD builds up Jerusalem *
and gathers together the outcasts of Israel.
- ³ He heals those who are broken in heart * and binds up their wounds.
- ⁴ He counts the number of the stars * and calls them all by their names.
- ⁵ Great is our LORD, and great is his power; *
indeed, his wisdom is infinite.
- ⁶ The LORD lifts up the meek *
and brings the ungodly down to the ground.
- ⁷ O sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving; *
sing praises with the harp unto our God;
- ⁸ Who covers the heavens with clouds, and prepares rain for the earth, *
and makes the grass to grow upon the mountains and plants for the
use of men
- ⁹ Who gives food to the cattle *
and feeds the young ravens that call upon him.
- ¹⁰ He has no pleasure in the strength of a horse; *
neither delights he in any man's strength.
- ¹¹ But the LORD's delight is in them that fear him *
and put their trust in his mercy.
- ¹² Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem; * praise your God, O Zion.
- ¹³ For he has made strong the bars of your gates *
and has blessed your children within you.
- ¹⁴ He makes peace in your borders * and fills you with the finest of wheat.
- ¹⁵ He sends forth his commandment upon the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.
- ¹⁶ He gives snow like wool * and scatters the white frost like ashes.
- ¹⁷ He casts forth his ice like crumbs; * who is able to abide his frost?
- ¹⁸ He sends out his word, and melts them; *

he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

- ¹⁹ He declares his word unto Jacob, *
his statutes and ordinances unto Israel.
- ²⁰ He has not dealt so with other nations; *
neither have they knowledge of his laws. Praise the LORD.

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 5:15-20

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

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 6:53-59

So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵ For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶ Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷ As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." ⁵⁹ Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.