

ples.”<sup>2</sup> And he said to them, “When you pray, say:

“Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come.<sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread,<sup>4</sup> and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.”

<sup>5</sup> And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves,<sup>6</sup> for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; <sup>7</sup> and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything?’<sup>8</sup> I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs.<sup>9</sup> And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.<sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.<sup>11</sup> What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent;<sup>12</sup> or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?<sup>13</sup> If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

*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

*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

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

### Genesis 18:20-33

Then the LORD said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave,<sup>21</sup> I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.”

<sup>22</sup> So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD.<sup>23</sup> Then Abraham drew near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?<sup>24</sup> Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it?<sup>25</sup> Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?”<sup>26</sup> And the LORD said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.”

<sup>27</sup> Abraham answered and said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the LORD, I who am but dust and ashes.<sup>28</sup> Suppose five of the fifty righ-

teous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." <sup>29</sup> Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." <sup>30</sup> Then he said, "Oh let not the LORD be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." <sup>31</sup> He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the LORD. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." <sup>32</sup> Then he said, "Oh let not the LORD be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." <sup>33</sup> And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

*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 138

- <sup>1</sup> I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; \*  
even before the gods will I sing praises to you.
- <sup>2</sup> I will worship toward your holy temple and praise your Name, because of your loving-kindness and truth, \*  
for you have magnified your Name and your word above all things.
- <sup>3</sup> When I called upon you, you heard me \*  
and gave me increase of strength.
- <sup>4</sup> All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, \*  
for they have heard the words of your mouth.
- <sup>5</sup> They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, \*  
that great is the glory of the LORD.
- <sup>6</sup> For though the LORD be high, yet he has respect for the lowly; \*  
as for the proud, he beholds them from afar.
- <sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shall you refresh me; \*

you shall stretch forth your hand upon the furiousness of my enemies, and your right hand shall save me.

- <sup>8</sup> The LORD shall make good his loving-kindness toward me; \*  
your mercy, O LORD, endures for ever; despise not the works of your own hands.

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

### Colossians 2:6-15

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

- <sup>8</sup> See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup> For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup> and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. <sup>11</sup> In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, <sup>12</sup> having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup> And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup> by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

*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. Luke.

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

### Luke 11:1-13

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disci-