

And in his teaching he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces<sup>39</sup> and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts,<sup>40</sup> who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

<sup>41</sup> And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup> And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. <sup>43</sup> And he called his disciples to him and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. <sup>44</sup> For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

*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

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Kings 17:8-16

Then the word of the LORD came to him,<sup>9</sup> “Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.”<sup>10</sup> So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.”<sup>11</sup> And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.”<sup>12</sup> And she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.”<sup>13</sup> And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go

and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup> For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’” <sup>15</sup> And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup> The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

*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 146

- <sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD, O my soul; \*  
while I live I will praise the LORD.
- <sup>2</sup> Indeed, as long as I have my being, \*  
I will sing praises unto my God.
- <sup>3</sup> Put not your trust in princes, nor in any child of man, \*  
for there is no help in them.
- <sup>4</sup> For when one breathes his last, he shall return again to the earth, \*  
and in that day all his thoughts perish.
- <sup>5</sup> Blessed is the one who has the God of Jacob for his help \*  
and whose hope is in the LORD his God,
- <sup>6</sup> Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is therein; \*  
who keeps his promise for ever;
- <sup>7</sup> Who does right to those who suffer wrong; \*  
and who feeds the hungry.

- <sup>8</sup> The LORD sets prisoners free; \*  
the LORD gives sight to the blind.
- <sup>9</sup> The LORD helps those who have fallen; \*  
the LORD loves the righteous.
- <sup>10</sup> The LORD cares for the strangers in the land; he defends the  
fatherless and widow; \*  
but the way of the ungodly he makes crooked.
- <sup>11</sup> The LORD shall be King for evermore, \*  
even your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Praise the  
LORD.

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

### Hebrews 9:24-28

For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. <sup>25</sup> Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, <sup>26</sup> for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. <sup>27</sup> And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, <sup>28</sup> so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for 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. Mark.

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

### Mark 12:38-44