

death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

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. Matthew.

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

Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ 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. ²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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

Grant us, O Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who can do no good thing apart from you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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

Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰ I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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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 145:1-13(14-21)

- ¹ I will magnify you, O God my King, *
and I will praise your Name for ever and ever.
- ² Every day will I give thanks to you, *
and praise your Name for ever and ever
- ³ Great is the LORD, and most worthy to be praised; *
there is no end of his greatness.
- ⁴ One generation shall praise your works to another, *
and shall declare your power.
- ⁵ As for me, I will be talking of the glorious splendor of your majesty, *
and of all your wondrous works.
- ⁶ They shall speak of the might of your marvelous acts, *
and I also will tell of your greatness.
- ⁷ The remembrance of your abundant goodness shall they proclaim, *
and they shall sing of your righteousness.
- ⁸ The LORD is gracious and merciful, *
long-suffering, and of great kindness.
- ⁹ The LORD is loving to everyone, *
and his mercy is over all his works.
- ¹⁰ All your works praise you, O LORD, *
and your faithful servants give thanks to you.
- ¹¹ They speak of the glory of your kingdom *
and talk of your power,
- ¹² That your power may be known to the children of men, *
even the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- ¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, *
and your dominion endures throughout all ages.
- (¹⁴ The LORD upholds all those who fall *
and lifts up all those who are bowed down.
- ¹⁵ The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, *
and you give them their food in due season.

- ¹⁶ You open wide your hand, *
and fill all things living with plenteousness.
- ¹⁷ The LORD is righteous in all his ways *
and merciful in all his works.
- ¹⁸ The LORD is near to all those who call upon him, *
to all who call upon him faithfully.
- ¹⁹ He will fulfill the desire of those who fear him; *
he also will hear their cry and will help them.
- ²⁰ The LORD preserves all those who love him, *
but he will destroy all the ungodly.
- ²¹ My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; *
and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever
and ever.)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 7:21-8:6

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³ but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

⁸ There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For to set the mind on the flesh is