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COLLECT

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,  
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;  
and that they may obtain their petitions  
make them to ask such things as shall please you;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

EZEKIEL 37. 1-14

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, ‘Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, “Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.” Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.’

For the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 37. 1-14

**R: Give thanks to the Lord for his goodness.**

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious,  
for his steadfast love endures for ever.  
Let the redeemed of the Lord say this,  
those he redeemed from the hand of the enemy,  
And gathered out of the lands  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south. **R:**

Some went astray in desert wastes  
and found no path to a city to dwell in.  
Hungry and thirsty,  
their soul was fainting within them.  
So they cried to the Lord in their trouble  
and he delivered them from their distress. **R:**

He set their feet on the right way  
till they came to a city to dwell in.  
Let them give thanks to the Lord for his goodness  
and the wonders he does for his children. **R:**

## MATTHEW 22. 34-40

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening;  
you have the words of eternal life.

**Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Matthew.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, ' "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

O Lord, our strength and our song,  
open to us the gates of righteousness,  
that we may enter through them and give you thanks;  
may we know your light and your salvation  
and receive the blessings of your house;  
whose steadfast love endures for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of our pilgrimage,  
you have willed that the gate of mercy  
should stand open for those who trust in you:  
look upon us with your favour  
that we who follow the path of your will  
may never wander from the way of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**