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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 43. 1-7

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

Then he brought me to the gate, the gate facing east. And there, the glory of the God of Israel was coming from the east; the sound was like the sound of mighty waters; and the earth shone with his glory. The vision I saw was like the vision that I had seen when he came to destroy the city, and like the vision that I had seen by the river Chebar; and I fell upon my face. As the glory of the Lord entered the temple by the gate facing east, the spirit lifted me up, and brought me into the inner court; and the glory of the Lord filled the temple. While the man was standing beside me, I heard someone speaking to me out of the temple. He said to me: Mortal, this is the place of my throne and the place for the soles of my feet, where I will reside among the people of Israel for ever. The house of Israel shall no more defile my holy name, neither they nor their kings, by their whoring, and by the corpses of their kings at their death.

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

PSALM 85. 8-13

**R: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy  
and give us your saving help.**

I will listen to what the Lord God will say,  
for he shall speak peace to his people and to the faithful,  
that they turn not again to folly.  
Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him,  
that his glory may dwell in our land. **R:**

Mercy and truth are met together,  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other;  
Truth shall spring up from the earth  
and righteousness look down from heaven. **R:**

The Lord will indeed give all that is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.  
Righteousness shall go before him  
and direct his steps in the way. **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.**

Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, 'The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat; therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practise what they teach. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. They love

to have the place of honour at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, and to have people call them rabbi. But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father—the one in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

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.**