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WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2020

COLLECT

O God,  
you declare your almighty power  
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:  
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,  
that we, running the way of your commandments,  
may receive your gracious promises,  
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

2 THESSALONIANS 3. 6-10, 16-18

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat.

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways. The Lord be with all of you.

I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. This is the mark in every letter of mine; it is the way I write. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with all of you.

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

PSALM 128

**R: The Lord bless you all the days of your life.**

Blessed are all those who fear the Lord,  
and walk in his ways.  
You shall eat the fruit of the toil of your hands;  
it shall go well with you, and happy shall you be. **R:**

Your wife within your house  
shall be like a fruitful vine;  
your children round your table,  
like fresh olive branches.  
Thus shall the one be blest  
who fears the Lord. **R:**

The Lord from out of Zion bless you,  
that you may see Jerusalem in prosperity  
all the days of your life.  
May you see your children's children,  
and may there be peace upon Israel. **R:**

MATTHEW 23. 27-32

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:

‘Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which on the outside look beautiful, but inside they are full of the bones of the dead and of all kinds of filth. So you also on the outside look righteous to others, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

‘Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and decorate the graves of the righteous, and you say, “If we had lived in the days of our ancestors, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.” Thus you testify against yourselves that you are descendants of those who murdered the prophets. Fill up, then, the measure of your ancestors.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Almighty and most merciful God,  
out of the fullness of your gifts we bring before you  
this bread and wine and our lives.

Blessed be your holy name for ever;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of all mercy,  
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice  
which takes away our sins and brings us pardon and peace:  
by our communion  
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel  
and preserve us from all sin;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**