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THURSDAY 27TH AUGUST 2020 – MONICA, MOTHER OF
AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO

COLLECT

Faithful God,
who strengthened Monica, the mother of Augustine, with wisdom,
and through her patient endurance
encouraged him to seek after you:
give us the will to persist in prayer
that those who stray from you
may be brought to faith in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

1 CORINTHIANS 1. 1-9

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother
Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ
Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the
name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has
been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him,
in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has
been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift
as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen
you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus

Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145. 1-7

**R: Every day will I bless you
and praise your name for ever.**

I will exalt you, O God my King,
and bless your name for ever and ever.
Every day will I bless you
and praise your name for ever and ever. **R:**

Great is the Lord and highly to be praised;
his greatness is beyond all searching out.
One generation shall praise your works to another
and declare your mighty acts. **R:**

They shall speak of the majesty of your glory,
and I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.
They shall speak of the might of your marvellous acts,
and I will also tell of your greatness.
They shall pour forth the story of your abundant kindness
and joyfully sing of your righteousness. **R:**

MATTHEW 24. 42-51

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:

Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

‘Who then is the faithful and wise slave, whom his master has put in charge of his household, to give the other slaves their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. But if that wicked slave says to himself, “My master is delayed”, and he begins to beat his fellow-slaves, and eats and drinks with drunkards, the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know. He will cut him in pieces and put him with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

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.**