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COLLECT

Merciful God,  
you revealed yourself to your servant Augustine  
as the light of the minds that know you,  
the joy of the hearts that love you,  
and the strength of the wills that serve you:  
grant us so to know you that we may truly love you,  
and so to love you that we may fully serve you,  
whose service is perfect freedom  
in 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. 17-25

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

Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,  
'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of

God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

PSALM 33. 1-12

**R: By the word of the Lord were the heavens made .**

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,  
for it is good for the just to sing praises.  
Praise the Lord with the lyre;  
on the ten-stringed harp sing his praise.  
Sing for him a new song;  
play skilfully, with shouts of praise. **R:**

For the word of the Lord is true  
and all his works are sure.  
He loves righteousness and justice;  
the earth is full of the loving-kindness of the Lord.  
By the word of the Lord were the heavens made  
and all their host by the breath of his mouth. **R:**

He gathers up the waters of the sea as in a waterskin  
and lays up the deep in his treasury.  
Let all the earth fear the Lord;  
stand in awe of him, all who dwell in the world.  
For he spoke, and it was done;  
he commanded, and it stood fast. **R:**

The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to naught;  
he frustrates the designs of the peoples.  
But the counsel of the Lord shall endure for ever  
and the designs of his heart from generation to generation.  
Happy the nation whose God is the Lord  
and the people he has chosen for his own. **R:**

## MATTHEW 25. 1-13

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:

‘Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, “Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.” Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, “Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.” But the wise replied, “No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.” And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, “Lord, lord, open to us.” But he replied, “Truly I tell you, I do not know you.” Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord, your Spirit leads us into all truth:  
build us up in the faith once delivered to the saints;  
and keep our eyes fixed on you;  
who are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of truth,  
whose Wisdom set her table  
and invited us to eat the bread  
and drink the wine of the kingdom:  
help us to lay aside all foolishness  
and to live and walk in the way of insight,  
that we may come with Augustine  
to the eternal feast of heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**