

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is the will of my Father, says the Lord,
that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me,
and that I should raise it up on the last day.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn. 5:19-29

✠ **The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John**

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, “Very truly, I tell you, the Son can do nothing on his own, but only what he sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, the Son does likewise. The Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing; and he will show him greater works than these, so that you will be astonished. Indeed, just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whomever he wishes. The Father judges no one but has given all judgment to the Son, so that all may honour the Son just as they honour the Father. Anyone who does not honour the Son does not honour the Father who sent him. Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life. “Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; and he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. Do not be astonished at this; for the hour is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and will come out — those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

THE COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

ALL SOULS



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Sentence

‘I am the resurrection and the life,’ says the Lord; ‘whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.’
John 11.25,26

Prayer of the day

We thank you, loving God,
for all your servants, known to us and unknown,
who have departed this life in your faith and fear:
give us grace so to follow their good examples,
that with them we may be brought to a joyful resurrection,
and be made partakers of your heavenly kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Job. 14:1-14

A reading from the book of Job

“A mortal, born of woman, few of days and full of trouble, comes up like a flower and withers, flees like a shadow and does not last. Do you fix your eyes on such a one? Do you bring me into judgment with you? Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? No one can. Since their days are determined, and the number of their months is known to you, and you have appointed the bounds that they cannot pass, look away from them, and desist, that they may enjoy, like labourers, their days. “For there is hope for a tree, if it is cut down, that it will sprout again, and that its shoots will not cease. Though its root grows old in the earth, and its stump dies in the ground, yet at the scent of water it will bud and put forth branches like a young plant. But mortals die, and are laid low; humans expire, and where are they? As waters fail from a lake, and a river wastes away and dries up, so mortals lie down and do not rise again; until the heavens are no more, they will not awake or be roused out of their sleep. Oh that you would hide me in Sheol, that you would conceal me until your wrath is past, that you would appoint me a set time, and remember me! If mortals die, will they live again? All the days of my service I would wait until my release should come. Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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1 Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven:
ascribe to the Lord glory and might.

2 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name:
O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness.
3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters:
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord upon the great waters.
4 The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation:
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.
5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar-trees:
the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.
6 He makes them skip like a calf:
Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.
7 The voice of the Lord divides the lightning-flash:
the voice of the Lord whirls the sands of the desert
the Lord whirls the desert of Kadesh.
8 The voice of the Lord rends the terebinth trees,
and strips bare the forests:
in his temple all cry ‘Glory’.
9 The Lord sits enthroned above the water-flood:
the Lord sits enthroned as a king for ever.
10 The Lord will give strength to his people:
the Lord will give his people the blessing of peace.

Second Reading

1 Cor. 15:12-26

A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.