

**Paul Jones, 1941**

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### **Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.  
*People*            ***And also with you.***  
*Celebrant*        Let us pray.

Merciful God, you sent your beloved Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Raise up in this and every land witnesses who, after the example of your servant Paul Jones, will stand firm in proclaiming the Gospel of the Prince of Peace, our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

### **First Reading**

Malachi 2:17—3:5

A Reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.

You have wearied the LORD with your words. Yet you say, "How have we wearied him?" By saying, "All who do evil are good in the sight of the LORD, and he delights in them." Or by asking, "Where is the God of justice?" See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgment; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            ***Thanks be to God.***

### **Psalm 133**

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \*  
***when brethren live together in unity!***
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head \*  
***that runs down upon the beard,***
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, \*  
***and runs down upon the collar of his robe.***

4 It is like the dew of Hermon \*

***that falls upon the hills of Zion.***

5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: \*

***life for evermore.***

## **Holy Gospel**

John 8:31-32

*All stand.*

*Deacon*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People*

***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

*Deacon*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*

***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***