

**Collect of the Day**

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

Almighty God, you gave your servant Thomas Ken grace and courage to bear witness to the truth before rulers and kings: Give us strength also that, following his example, we may constantly defend what is right, boldly reprove what is evil, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**First Reading**

Philippians 4:4-9

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Philippi.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

**Psalm 34:1-8**

- 1 I will bless the LORD at all times; \*  
***his praise shall ever be in my mouth.***
- 2 I will glory in the LORD; \*  
***let the humble hear and rejoice.***
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;  
***let us exalt his Name together.***
- 4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me \*  
***and delivered me out of all my terror.***
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, \*  
***and let not your faces be ashamed.***

6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me \*  
*and saved me from all my troubles.*

7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, \*  
*and he will deliver them.*

8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; \*  
*happy are they who trust in him!*

## **Holy Gospel**

Luke 6:17-23

*All stand.*

*Deacon*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People*            ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

After choosing the twelve, Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets."

*Deacon*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***