

Cecilia, Martyr at Rome, c. 230

Wednesday, November 22, 2017

Collect of the Day

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

Gracious God, whose servant Cecilia served you in song: Grant us to join her hymn of praise to you in the face of all adversity, and to suffer gladly for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Azariah 1:28–34,52–59,68

Then the three with one voice praised and glorified and blessed God in the furnace:
“Blessed are you, O Lord, God of our ancestors, and to be praised and highly exalted for ever;
And blessed is your glorious, holy name, and to be highly praised and highly exalted for ever.
Blessed are you in the temple of your holy glory, and to be extolled and highly glorified for ever.
Blessed are you who look into the depths from your throne on the cherubim, and to be praised and highly exalted for ever.
Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom, and to be extolled and highly exalted for ever.
Blessed are you in the firmament of heaven, and to be sung and glorified for ever.
“Let the earth bless the Lord; let it sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, mountains and hills; sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, all that grows in the ground; sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, seas and rivers; sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, you springs; sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, you whales and all that swim in the waters; sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, all birds of the air; sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord, all wild animals and cattle; sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
All who worship the Lord, bless the God of gods, sing praise to him and give thanks to him, for his mercy endures for ever.”

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

Psalm 150

1 Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; *
praise him in the firmament of his power.

2 Praise him for his mighty acts; *
praise him for his excellent greatness.

3 Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; *
praise him with lyre and harp.

4 Praise him with timbrel and dance; *
praise him with strings and pipe.

5 Praise him with resounding cymbals; *
praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.

6 Let everything that has breath *
praise the Lord.
Hallelujah!.

The Epistle

Revelation 15:1–4

Then I saw another portent in heaven, great and amazing: seven angels with seven plagues, which are the last, for with them the wrath of God is ended.

And I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who had conquered the beast and its image and the number of its name, standing beside the sea of glass with harps of God in their hands. And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb:

“Great and amazing are your deeds,
Lord God the Almighty!
Just and true are your ways,
King of the nations!
Lord, who will not fear
and glorify your name?
For you alone are holy.
All nations will come
and worship before you,
for your judgments have been revealed.”

Holy Gospel

Luke 10:38–42

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

As they went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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