

**Collect of the Day**

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

Almighty God, you have revealed to your Church your eternal Being of glorious majesty and perfect love as one God in Trinity of Persons: Give us grace that, like your bishop Basil of Caesarea, we may continue steadfast in the confession of this faith, and constant in our worship of you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; for you live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**First Reading**

Ezekiel 22:23–30

The word of the Lord came to me: Mortal, say to it: You are a land that is not cleansed, not rained upon in the day of indignation. Its princes within it are like a roaring lion tearing the prey; they have devoured human lives; they have taken treasure and precious things; they have made many widows within it. Its priests have done violence to my teaching and have profaned my holy things; they have made no distinction between the holy and the common, neither have they taught the difference between the unclean and the clean, and they have disregarded my sabbaths, so that I am profaned among them. Its officials within it are like wolves tearing the prey, shedding blood, destroying lives to get dishonest gain. Its prophets have smeared whitewash on their behalf, seeing false visions and divining lies for them, saying, "Thus says the Lord God", when the Lord has not spoken. The people of the land have practised extortion and committed robbery; they have oppressed the poor and needy, and have extorted from the alien without redress. And I sought for anyone among them who would repair the wall and stand in the breach before me on behalf of the land, so that I would not destroy it; but I found no one.

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

**Psalm 139:1-9**

- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
***you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.***
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
***and are acquainted with all my ways.***
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
***but you, O LORD, know it altogether.***
- 4 You press upon me behind and before \*  
***and lay your hand upon me.***
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
***it is so high that I cannot attain to it.***

- 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? \*  
*where can I flee from your presence?*
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; \*  
*if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.*
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning \*  
*and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,*
- 9 Even there your hand will lead me \*  
*and your right hand hold me fast.*

## Epistle

1 Corinthians 2:6-13

Among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

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*People*            ***Thanks be to God.***

## Holy Gospel

Luke 10:21-24

*All stand.*

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

When the seventy returned, at that same hour Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him." Then turning to the disciples, Jesus said to them privately, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it."

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