

**Collect of the Day**

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

Almighty God, you upheld your servant Irenaeus with strength to maintain the truth against every blast of vain doctrine: Keep us, we pray, steadfast in your true religion, that in constancy and peace we may walk in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

**First Reading**

Proverbs 8:6-11

*All sit.*

A Reading from the book of Proverbs.

Hear, for I will speak noble things, and from my lips will come what is right; for my mouth will utter truth; wickedness is an abomination to my lips. All the words of my mouth are righteous; there is nothing twisted or crooked in them. They are all straight to one who understands and right to those who find knowledge. Take my instruction instead of silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold; for wisdom is better than jewels, and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.

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

**Psalm 145:8-13**

- 8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, \*  
***slow to anger and of great kindness.***
- 9 The LORD is loving to everyone \*  
***and his compassion is over all his works.***
- 10 All your works praise you, O LORD, \*  
***and your faithful servants bless you.***
- 11 They make known the glory of your kingdom \*  
***and speak of your power;***
- 12 That the peoples may know of your power \*  
***and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.***
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; \*  
***your dominion endures throughout all ages.***

## Second Reading

2 Timothy 2:22b-26

A Reading from Paul's Second letter to Timothy.

Pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. Have nothing to do with stupid and senseless controversies; you know that they breed quarrels. And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kindly to everyone, an apt teacher, patient, correcting opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant that they will repent and come to know the truth, and that they may escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

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

## Holy Gospel

Luke 11:33-36

*All stand.*

*Deacon*           The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus said, "No one after lighting a lamp puts it in a cellar, but on the lampstand so that those who enter may see the light. Your eye is the lamp of your body. If your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light; but if it is not healthy, your body is full of darkness. Therefore consider whether the light in you is not darkness. If then your whole body is full of light, with no part of it in darkness, it will be as full of light as when a lamp gives you light with its rays."

*Deacon*           The Gospel of the Lord.

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