

**Collect of the Day**

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

Direct your Church, O Lord, into the beauty of holiness, that, following the good example of your servant Dunstan, we may honor your Son Jesus Christ with our lips and in our lives; to the glory of his Name, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**First Reading**

Job 1:6–8

A Reading from the book of Job.

One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them. The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the Lord, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." The Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil."

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

**Psalm 57:6–11**

- 6 Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, \*  
**and your glory over all the earth.**
- 7 My heart is firmly fixed, O God, my heart is fixed; \*  
**I will sing and make melody.**
- 8 Wake up, my spirit;  
awake, lute and harp; \*  
**I myself will waken the dawn.**
- 9 I will confess you among the peoples, O LORD; \*  
**I will sing praise to you among the nations.**
- 10 For your loving-kindness is greater than the heavens, \*  
**and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.**
- 11 Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, \*  
**and your glory over all the earth.**

## Second Reading

5:15–20

Ephesians

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

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 24:42–47

*All stand.*

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

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

Jesus said, "Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

"Who then is the faithful and wise slave, whom his master has put in charge of his household, to give the other slaves their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions."

*Deacon*                    The Gospel of the Lord.

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