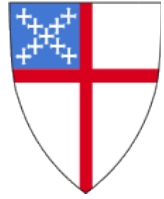


The Lessons Appointed for Use on the
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The Collect

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament

Isaiah 55:1-5

Thus says the Lord:

"Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;

and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that
which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does
not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is
good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting
covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the
peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not
know,
and nations that do not know you
shall run to you,

because of the LORD your God, the Holy
One of Israel,
for he has glorified you."

The Psalm

Psalm 145: 8-9, 15-22

8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 O LORD, you are loving to everyone *
and your compassion is over all your works.

15 The LORD upholds all those who fall; *
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

- 16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, *
and you give them their food in due season.
- 17 You open wide your hand *
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.
- 18 O LORD you are righteous in all your ways *
and loving in all your works.
- 19 O LORD , you are near to those who call upon you, *
to all who call upon you faithfully.
- 20 You fulfill the desire of those who fear you; *
you hear their cry and help them.
- 21 O LORD , you preserve all those who love you, *
but you destroy all the wicked.
- 22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; *
let all flesh bless your holy Name for ever and ever.

The Epistle

Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ-- I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit-- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

The Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.