

Tuesday, August 16th

COLLECT: (*Remain Standing*)

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Ezekiel 2:8 - 3:4 (*Please be seated*)

Reader: A reading from the book of Ezekiel.

The word of the LORD came to me: Mortal, say to the prince of Tyre: Thus says the Lord GOD:

Because your heart is proud
and you have said, "I am a god;
I sit in the seat of the gods,
in the heart of the seas,"
yet you are but a mortal and no god,
though you compare your mind
with the mind of a god.
You are indeed wiser than Daniel;
no secret is hidden from you;
by your wisdom and your understanding
you have amassed wealth for yourself
and have gathered gold and silver
into your treasuries.
By your great wisdom in trade
you have increased your wealth,
and your heart has become proud in your wealth.
Therefore thus says the Lord GOD:
Because you compare your mind
with the mind of a god,
therefore, I will bring strangers against you,
the most terrible of the nations;
they shall draw their swords against the beauty of your wisdom
and defile your splendor.
They shall thrust you down to the Pit,
and you shall die a violent death
in the heart of the seas.
Will you still say, "I am a god,"
in the presence of those who kill you,

though you are but a mortal and no god,
in the hands of those who pierce you?
You shall die the death of the uncircumcised
by the hand of foreigners,
for I have spoken, says the Lord God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 60:1-5

Reader: Let us pray together the words of **Psalm 60:1-5**.

- ¹ O God, you have rejected us, broken our defenses;
you have been angry; now restore us!
- ² You have caused the land to quake; you have torn it open;
repair the cracks in it, for it is tottering.
- ³ You have made your people suffer hard things;
you have given us wine to drink that made us reel.
- ⁴ You have set up a banner for those who fear you,
to rally to it out of bowshot.
- ⁵ Give victory with your right hand and answer us,
so that those whom you love may be rescued.

Matthew 18:1-5 and 10-14 *(Please stand as you are able)*

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly I tell you, it will be hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astounded and said, "Then who can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but for God all things are possible."

Then Peter said in reply, "Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my name's sake will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

Deacon or Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ