

Sunday

9 November 2025 Third Sunday before Advent

COLLECT

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the king of all:
govern the hearts and minds of
those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the
ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle
rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Job 19:23-27a

A reading from the book of Job.

Job said to his companions: "O that
my words were written down! O that
they were inscribed in a book!
O that with an iron pen and with
lead they were engraved on a
rock for ever! For I know that my
Redeemer lives, and that at the
last he will stand upon the earth;
and after my skin has been thus
destroyed, then in my flesh I shall
see God, whom I shall see on my
side, and my eyes shall behold, and
not another."

PSALM Psalm 17:1-9

R Show me, O Lord, your loving-kindness.

Hear my plea of innocence, O Lord;
give heed to my cry;
listen to my prayer,
which does not come from lying
lips.

Let my vindication come forth from
your presence;
let your eyes be fixed on justice.
Weigh my heart, summon me by
night,
melt me down; you will find no
impurity in me. **R**

I give no offence with my mouth as
others do;
I have heeded the words of your
lips.
My footsteps hold fast to the ways
of your law;
in your paths my feet shall not
stumble.

I call upon you, O God, for you will
answer me;
incline your ear to me and hear
my words. **R**

Show me your marvellous
loving-kindness,
O Saviour of those who take refuge
at your right hand
from those who rise up against
them.

Keep me as the apple of your eye;
hide me under the shadow of
your wings,
From the wicked who assault me,
from my deadly enemies who
surround me. **R**

SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5. 13-end

*A reading from the second letter of
Paul to the Thessalonians.*

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus
Christ and our being gathered
together to him, we beg you,
brothers and sisters, not to be
quickly shaken in mind or alarmed,
either by spirit or by word or by
letter, as though from us, to the
effect that the day of the Lord is
already here. Let no one deceive
you in any way; for that day will not
come unless the rebellion comes
first and the lawless one is revealed,
the one destined for destruction. He
opposes and exalts himself above
every so-called god or object of
worship, so that he takes his seat
in the temple of God, declaring
himself to be God. Do you not
remember that I told you these
things when I was still with you? But
we must always give thanks to God
for you, brothers and sisters beloved
by the Lord, because God chose
you as the first fruits for salvation
through sanctification by the Spirit
and through belief in the truth. For
this purpose he called you through
our proclamation of the good news,
so that you may obtain the glory
of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then,
brothers and sisters, stand firm and
hold fast to the traditions that you
were taught by us, either by word
of mouth or by our letter. Now
may our Lord Jesus Christ himself

and God our Father, who loved us
and through grace gave us eternal
comfort and good hope, comfort
your hearts and strengthen them in
every good work and word.

GOSPEL Luke 20:27-38

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Luke.*

Some Sadducees, those who say
there is no resurrection, came to
Jesus, and asked him a question,
"Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if
a man's brother dies, leaving a wife
but no children, the man shall marry
the widow and raise up children
for his brother. Now there were
seven brothers; the first married,
and died childless; then the second
and the third married her, and so
in the same way all seven died
childless. Finally the woman also
died. In the resurrection, therefore,
whose wife will the woman be? For
the seven had married her." Jesus
said to them, "Those who belong
to this age marry and are given
in marriage; but those who are
considered worthy of a place in that
age and in the resurrection from the
dead neither marry nor are given
in marriage. Indeed they cannot
die any more, because they are like
angels and are children of God,
being children of the resurrection.
And the fact that the dead are
raised Moses himself showed, in
the story about the bush, where he
speaks of the Lord as the God of
Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the
God of Jacob. Now he is God not
of the dead, but of the living; for to
him all of them are alive."

POST COMMUNION

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed
the kingdom
and restored the broken to
wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the
anguish of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and
nations;
through our Lord and Saviour
Jesus Christ.