

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God,
 you have made us for yourself,
 and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
 pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
 and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
 where we shall see you face to face;
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING - 1 Corinthians 12.12-26

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

This is the word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM - Psalm 149

Response: *Sing, O sing to the Lord a new song; sing his praise.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! alleluia!
 We do not live by bread alone,
 but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.
 Alleluia!

GOSPEL - Matthew 18.15-20

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
 Glory to you, O Lord.*

Jesus spoke to his disciples. 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, O Christ.*

PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Lord,
 help us to see what is eternally good and true
 and having seen to go on searching
 until we come to the joys of heaven;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede
 and follow us,
 and make us continually to be given to all good
 works;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*