Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified:  
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry  
they may serve you in holiness and truth  
to the glory of your name;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ …

Amos 8.1-12

**8** This is what the Lord God showed me—a basket of summer fruit. 2He said, ‘Amos, what do you see?’   
And I said, ‘A basket of summer fruit.’   
Then the Lord said to me,  
‘The end has come upon my people Israel;  
I will never again pass them by.   
3 The songs of the temple shall become wailings on that day,’ says the Lord God;  
‘the dead bodies shall be many,  
cast out in every place. Be silent!’

4 Hear this, you that trample on the needy,  
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,   
5 saying, ‘When will the new moon be over  
so that we may sell grain;  
and the sabbath,  
so that we may offer wheat for sale?  
We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,  
and practise deceit with false balances,   
6 buying the poor for silver  
and the needy for a pair of sandals,  
and selling the sweepings of the wheat.’

7 The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.   
8 Shall not the land tremble on this account,  
and everyone mourn who lives in it,  
and all of it rise like the Nile,  
and be tossed about and sink again,   
like the Nile of Egypt?

9 On that day, says the Lord God,  
I will make the sun go down at noon,  
and darken the earth in broad daylight.   
10 I will turn your feasts into mourning,  
and all your songs into lamentation;  
I will bring sackcloth on all loins,  
and baldness on every head;  
I will make it like the mourning for an only son,  
and the end of it like a bitter day.

11 The time is surely coming, says the Lord God,  
when I will send a famine on the land;  
not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water,  
but of hearing the words of the Lord.   
12 They shall wander from sea to sea,  
and from north to east;  
they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord,  
but they shall not find it.

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

Psalm 52

1 Why do you glory in evil, you tyrant, •   
while the goodness of God endures continually?

2 You plot destruction, you deceiver; •   
your tongue is like a sharpened razor.

3 You love evil rather than good, •

falsehood rather than the word of truth.

4 You love all words that hurt, •

O you deceitful tongue.

5 Therefore God shall utterly bring you down; •

he shall take you and pluck you out of your tent

and root you out of the land of the living.

6 The righteous shall see this and tremble; •

they shall laugh you to scorn, and say:

7 ‘This is the one who did not take God for a refuge,•

but trusted in great riches  
 and relied upon wickedness.’

8 But I am like a spreading olive tree  
 in the house of God; •

I trust in the goodness of God for ever and ever.

9 I will always give thanks to you  
 for what you have done; •

I will hope in your name,  
 for your faithful ones delight in it.

Gospel Reading Luke 10.38–end

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

38 As they went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. 39 She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to what he was saying. 40 But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, ‘Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.’ 41 But the Lord answered her, ‘Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; 42 there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.’

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

Post Communion

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,   
that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance,  
that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.