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Collect

Gracious God,
we who were baptised into Christ Jesus
were baptised into his death:
we pray that, as you raised him from death,
so by the power of the Holy Spirit we may live the new life to your
glory,
knowing ourselves to be dead in sin
but alive for you in Jesus Christ;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

1st Reading

Habakkuk 2:1-4

- 1** I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer I am to give to this complaint.
- 2** Then the LORD replied: “Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it.
- 3** For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay.
- 4** “See, the enemy is puffed up; his desires are not upright— but the righteous person will live by his faithfulness —

Psalm

Psalm 86.1–10, 86.16–17

- 1** Incline your ear to me, O God, and answer me:
for I am poor and in misery.
- 2** Preserve my life, for I am faithful:
My God, save your servant who trusts in you.

- 3 Be merciful to me, O Lord:
for I call to you all the day long.
- 4 O make glad the soul of your servant:
for I put my hope in you, O Lord.
- 5 For you, Lord, are good and forgiving:
of great and continuing kindness
to all who call upon you.
- 6 Hear my prayer, O Lord:
and give heed to the voice of my supplication.
- 7 In the day of my trouble I call upon you:
for you will surely answer.
- 8 Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord:
nor are there any deeds like yours.
- 9 All the nations you have made
shall come and worship before you:
O Lord, they shall glorify your name.
- 10 For you are great and do marvellous things:
and you alone are God.
- 16 Turn to me and be merciful,
give your strength to your servant:
and save the child of your handmaid.
- 17 Show me some token of your goodness:
that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed,
because you, Lord, are my helper and my comforter.

2nd Reading

Romans 5:1-11

- 1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
- 2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.
- 3 Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance;
- 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope.
- 5 And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

7 Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die.

8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

9 Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

10 For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

11 Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Gospel

Matthew 10.24–39

24 'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master;

25 it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

26 'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known.

27 What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops.

28 Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father.

30 And even the hairs of your head are all counted.

31 So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

32 'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven;

33 but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

34 'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

35 For I have come to set a man against his father,

and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
36 and one's foes will be members of one's own household.
37 Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of
me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not
worthy of me;
38 and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not
worthy of me.
39 Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life
for my sake will find it.