

## First Reading

### 1. Wisdom 3:1-9

#### **A Reading from the book of Wisdom.**

The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them. They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead; and their passing away was thought an affliction and their going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace. For if before men, indeed, they be punished, yet is their hope full of immortality; Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, because God tried them and found them worthy of himself. As gold in the furnace, he proved them, and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself. In the time of their visitation they shall shine, and shall dart about as sparks through stubble; they shall judge nations and rule over peoples, and the LORD shall be their King forever. Those who trust in him shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with him in love:

Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones, and his care is with the elect.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## Responsorial Psalm

1a) Psalm 23:1-3, 4, 5, 6

**R/. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

in verdant pastures he gives me repose;

Beside restful waters he leads me;

he refreshes my soul.

He guides me in right paths

for his name sake. **R/.**

Even though I walk in the dark valley

I fear no evil; for you are at my side

With your rod and your staff

that give me courage. **R/.**

You spread the table before me

in the sight of my foes;

You anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows. **R/.**

Only goodness and kindness follow me

all the days of my life;

And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

for years to come. **R/.**

## Second Reading

### 1. Romans 6:3-9

#### **A Reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans.**

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection.

We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin. For a dead person has been absolved from sin.

If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation

2 Timothy 2:11-12a

If we die with Christ, we shall live with him,  
and if we persevere we shall also reign with him.

## Gospel

9. Luke 23:33, 39-43

### **A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.**

When the soldiers came to the place called The Skull, they crucified Jesus and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left. Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us." The other man, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Glory to you, O Lord.