



COLLECT FOR THE DAY

God our Father, to know you is to live, and to serve you is to reign. All our faith is in your saving help; protect us from people of violence and keep us safe from weapons of hate. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING

WISDOM 3:1-9

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them.

In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace.

For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality.

Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found

them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them.

In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble.

They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them for ever.

Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.*

Lector: **Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.**

People: **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 23

¹ The Lord is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

³ He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶ Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

SECOND READING

THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters,* about those who have died,* so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.* For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died.* For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Lector: **Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.**

People: **Thanks be to God**

Sequence Hymn: *My Shepherd will Supply My Need*

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Priest: *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

GOSPEL

JOHN 5:24-27

Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life.

‘Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; and he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.



Priest: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

On this day 15 years ago, our nation was attacked by hijackers taking control of 4 airliners. Three were in routed to New York City and Washington, D. C. Through the heroic efforts of the passengers on the fourth plane, it was diverted off course to a field in Pennsylvania.

The September issue of Readers Digest gave responses from their Facebook survey asking “How did 9/11 change you?” Some of the responses were:

1. I realized that our nation is not invincible;
2. I learned that Muslims in other countries were horrified and grieved over our losses;
3. Life cannot be taken for granted ;
4. I became more aware of what freedom means;
5. I was reminded to say “I Love You” more often to my family and close friends.

Let us honor the more than 3000 victims (including NYPD, NY Fire and Rescue, passengers, crew and office workers) with some moments of silence:

(continued on back)

First Plane: American Airline Flight #11 Boston to Los Angeles hits the First World Trade Center Tower

Gong silence

Second Plane: United Airline Flight 175 Boston to Los Angeles hits the Second World Trade Center Tower

Gong silence

Third Plane: American Airline Flight 77 Washington, DC to Los Angeles hits the Pentagon

Gong silence

Fourth Plane: United Airline Flt # 93 Newark to San Francisco intended for either the Capitol building or the White House crashes into a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania

Gong silence

For each of the following prayers, I invite you to respond with the words: “Lord Hear our Prayer.”

Friends, colleagues and family members have gone before us and await the fullness of God’s Kingdom. Grant them, merciful God, an everlasting home with your Son.

~~~~We pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

Many people die from violent crime, war, terrorism and famine each day. Dear Lord, show your mercy to those who suffer so and gather them into the eternal kingdom of peace.

~~~~We pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

Those who trusted in the Lord now sleep in the Lord. Loving God, give refreshment, rest and peace to all whose faith is known to you alone.

~~~~We pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

Many courageous individuals have answered the call to stand between us and those of violent hatred. Give them your Divine Protection, consolation in their hardships and bring them back safely to us.

~~~~We pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

Please give voice to your own prayers:

Allow a moment of silence for people to speak up.

When it grows quiet again the priest concludes:

LET US PRAY---

God of steadfast love, who led your people through the wilderness, be with us as we remember our trials and hardships. Bring healing and peace to all who have suffered and by your grace, lead us all in the path of new life, in the company of your saints and angels; this we ask - through Jesus Christ, the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

Amen