

First Reader: **A Reading from Proverbs.**

My child, do not forget my teaching,
but let your heart keep my commandments;
for length of days and years of life
and abundant welfare they will give you.

Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you;
bind them round your neck,
write them on the tablet of your heart.
So you will find favor and good repute
in the sight of God and of people.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not rely on your own insight.
In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.

Reader: **The Word of the Lord.**

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: **Our response today is a portion of Psalm 119. We will recite the Psalm responsively by whole verse.**

- 33 **Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, ***
 and I shall keep it to the end.
- 34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
 I shall keep it with all my heart.
- 35 **Make me go in the path of your commandments, ***
 for that is my desire.
- 36 Incline my heart to your decrees *
 and not to unjust gain.
- 37 **Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; ***
 give me life in your ways.
- 38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
 which you make to those who fear you.
- 39 **Turn away the reproach which I dread, ***
 because your judgments are good.
- 40 Behold, I long for your commandments; *
 in your righteousness preserve my life.

Second Reader: **A reading from the Second Letter to Timothy**

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

Lector: **The Word of the Lord.**

People: Thanks be to God.

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Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *hold Silence for a moment...*

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;

People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

hold brief silence.

Leader Hear us, Lord;

People For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Hold Silence for a moment; the People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence; The People may add their own remembrances

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

the Celebrant will conclude with a Collect.