

First Reading | Wisdom 3: 1-6,9

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 eyes 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 in the eyes of 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.

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 his elect.

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God

Second Reading | 2 Timothy 4: 6-8

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation,

And the time of my departure has come.

I have fought the good fight,

I have finished the race,

I have kept the faith.

From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness,

which the Lord, the righteous judge,

will give to me on that day,

and not only to me but also to all

who have longed for his appearing.

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God

Gospel | John 14: 1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel According to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Do not let your hearts be troubled.

You have faith in God; have faith also in me.

In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places.

If there were not,

would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?

And if I go and prepare a place for you,

I will come back again and take you to myself,

so that where I am you also may be.

Where I am going you know the way.”

Thomas said to him,

“Master, we do not know where you are going;

how can we know the way?”

Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to be to you Lord, Jesus Christ