

***Readings & Gospel Reading for Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024***  
***8 am Service***

**First Reading**

***Psalm 25, Verses 1-9***

The Psalm is written in the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter, beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse:

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
O my God, in you I trust;  
let me not be put to shame;  
let not my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame, •  
but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated.
- 3 Make me to know your ways, O Lord, •  
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, •  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you have I hoped all the day long.
- 5 Remember, Lord, your compassion and love, •  
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth  
or my transgressions, •  
but think on me in your goodness, O Lord,  
according to your steadfast love.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; •  
therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.
- 8 He will guide the humble in doing right •  
and teach his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth •  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Here endeth the Psalm.

## Second Reading

### *1 Thessalonians 3. 9-end*

The Epistle is written in the third chapter of 1 Thessalonians, beginning at the 9<sup>th</sup> verse:

<sup>9</sup>How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup> Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup>And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. <sup>13</sup>And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Here endeth the Epistle.

## Gospel Reading

### *Luke, Chapter 1, Verses 26-38*

#### The Birth of Jesus Foretold

<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.'<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>29</sup> But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. <sup>31</sup> And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup> He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' <sup>34</sup> Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?'<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>35</sup> The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born<sup>[c]</sup> will be holy; he will be called Son of God. <sup>36</sup> And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. <sup>37</sup> For nothing will be impossible with God.' <sup>38</sup> Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.