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Sentence

My word shall accomplish that which I purpose, and prosper in the thing for which I sent it. Isaiah 55.11

Collect

Almighty God,
your Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence.
Give us pure hearts and constant wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Genesis 28.10–19a
Psalm 139.1–11, 22–23
Romans 8.12–25
Matthew 13.24–30, 36–43

Prayer over the Gifts

O God,
accept our praise and thanksgiving.
Help us in all we do
to offer ourselves as a true and living sacrifice;
through Jesus Christ the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

O God,
as we are strengthened in these holy mysteries,
may our lives be a continual offering,
holy and acceptable in your sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.