

*After the Responsorial Psalm, go to the Altar, bow and then go to the lectern. Do reading.*

Philippians 1:3-11

### **A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians**

I give thanks to my God at every remembrance of you,  
praying always with joy in my every prayer for all of you,  
because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now.

I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus.

It is right that I should think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, you who are all partners with me in grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.

For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception,  
to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,  
filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

When finished, go to the bottom of the steps, turn and face the Altar, bow and go back to your seat.

### **The Word of the Lord**

*When you are finished go to the bottom of the step, turn and face the Altar, bow and go back to your seat.*