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17 November  
**Saint Hugh of Lincoln, bishop**  
Patron of the Diocese  
Feast

Entrance Antiphon

This is the steward, faithful and prudent,  
whom the Lord set over his household,  
to give them their allowance of food at the proper time.

Collect

O God, who gave the Bishop Saint Hugh of Lincoln  
the grace of relying on you alone  
and endowed him with a wise and cheerful boldness  
to commend to earthly rulers the merits of a holy life,  
grant us, we pray,  
that, with him as our advocate,  
we may have good cause for the hope that is in us.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Look with favour, O Lord, we pray,  
on the offerings we set upon this altar  
on the feast day of blessed Hugh of Lincoln,  
that, bestowing on us your pardon,  
our oblations may give honour to your name.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Pastors

Communion Antiphon

It was not you who chose me, says the Lord,  
but I who chose you and appointed you to god and bear fruit,  
fruit that will last.

Prayer after Communion

Renewed by the sacred mysteries  
we humbly pray, O Lord,  
that, following the example of blessed Hugh of Lincoln,  
we may strive to profess what he believed  
and to practise what he taught.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

3:16-21

And at the end of seven days, the word of the Lord came to me: “Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die’, and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, in order to save his life, that wicked person shall die for his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, or from his wicked way, he shall die for his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul. Again, if a righteous person turns from his righteousness and commits injustice, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die. Because you have not warned him, he shall die for his sin, and his righteous deeds that he has done shall not be remembered, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the righteous person not to sin, and he does not sin, he shall surely live, because he took warning, and you will have delivered your soul.”

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 116 R Mk 16-15

**R** Go out to the whole world;  
proclaim the Good News.

1 O praise the Lord, all you nations,  
acclaim God all you people. R

2 Strong is God’s love for us;  
he is faithful for ever. R

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

4:1-2.5-7

Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practise cunning or to tamper with God’s word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone’s conscience in the sight of God. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness”, has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.

The word of the Lord.

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Gospel Acclamation

2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself,  
and he has entrusted to us  
the news that they are reconciled.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

9:35-38

And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest."

The Gospel of the Lord

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