

Reading

1 Corinthians 12:4-13

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A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

- 4 There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit;
 5 there are all sorts of service to be done,
 but always to the same Lord;
 6 working in all sorts of different ways in different people,
 it is the same God who is working in all of them.
 7 The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person
 is for a good purpose.
 8 One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom
 given him by the Spirit;
 another may have the gift of preaching instruction
 given him by the same Spirit;
 9 and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit;
 another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit;
 10 one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy;
 another the gift of recognising spirits;
 another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them.
 11 All these are the work of one and the same Spirit,
 who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.
 12 Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts,
 is a single unit because all these parts, though many,
 make one body, so it is with Christ.
 13 In the one Spirit we were all baptised,
 Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens,
 and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The word of the Lord.