

COLLECT

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:

grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

The reading from Acts must be used as either the First or Second reading.

Either Acts 2:1-21

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in their native language. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

Or Genesis 11:1-9

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." The LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the LORD said, "Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech." So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

PSALM Psalm 104:25-35. 37

R Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

O Lord, how manifold are your works! in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. **R**

Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, creatures both small and great. There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, which you have made for the sport of it. **R**

All of them look to you to give them their food in due season. You give it to them, they gather it; you open your hand and they are filled with good things. You hide your face and they are terrified; you take away their breath and they die and return to their dust. **R**

You send forth your Spirit and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth. May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; may the Lord rejoice in all his works. He looks at the earth and it trembles; he touches the mountains and they smoke. **R**

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being. May these words of mine please him; I will rejoice in the Lord. Bless the Lord, O my soul, Alleluia! **R**

SECOND READING

Either Romans 8:14-17

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Or Acts 2:1-21

GOSPEL (Short or long reading)

John 14:8-17 [25-27]

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. [I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.]"

POST COMMUNION

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given us your servants
grace,
by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the
eternal Trinity
and in the power of the divine
majesty to worship the Unity:
keep us steadfast in this faith,
that we may evermore be
defended from all adversities;
through Jesus Christ your Son our
Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Proverbs 8:1-4. 22-31

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

Thus says the wisdom of God:
Does not wisdom call, and does
not understanding raise her voice?
On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her
stand; beside the gates in front
of the town, at the entrance of
the portals she cries out: "To you,
O people, I call, and my cry is to
all that live. The LORD created
me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.
Ages ago I was set up, at the
first, before the beginning of
the earth. When there were no
depths I was brought forth, when
there were no springs abounding
with water. Before the mountains
had been shaped, before the
hills, I was brought forth – when
he had not yet made earth and
fields, or the world's first bits of
soil. When he established the
heavens, I was there, when he
drew a circle on the face of the
deep, when he made firm the
skies above, when he established
the fountains of the deep, when
he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not
transgress his command, when he
marked out the foundations of the

earth, then I was beside him, like
a master worker; and I was daily
his delight, rejoicing before him
always, rejoicing in his inhabited
world and delighting in the human
race."

PSALM Psalm 8

R *How exalted is your name in all
the world!*

O Lord our governor,
how exalted is your name in all
the world!
Out of the mouths of infants and
children
your majesty is praised above the
heavens.
You have set up a stronghold
against your adversaries,
to quell the enemy and the
avenger. **R**

When I consider your heavens, the
work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have
set in their courses,
What are mortals, that you should
be mindful of them?
mere human beings, that you
should seek them out?
You have made them little lower
than the angels;
you adorn them with glory and
honour. **R**

You give them mastery over the
works of your hands;
and put all things under their feet,
All sheep and oxen,
even the wild beasts of the field,
The birds of the air, the fish of the
sea,
and whatsoever walks in the paths
of the sea.
O Lord our governor,
how exalted is your name in all
the world! **R**

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-5

*A reading from the letter of Paul
to the Romans.*

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through

our Lord Jesus Christ, through
whom we have obtained access
to this grace in which we stand;
and we boast in our hope of
sharing the glory of God. And
not only that, but we also boast
in our sufferings, knowing that
suffering produces endurance, and
endurance produces character,
and character produces hope,
and hope does not disappoint
us, because God's love has been
poured into our hearts through
the Holy Spirit that has been given
to us.

GOSPEL John 16:12-15

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to John.*

Jesus said to his disciples: "I still
have many things to say to you,
but you cannot bear them now.
When the Spirit of truth comes, he
will guide you into all the truth; for
he will not speak on his own, but
will speak whatever he hears, and
he will declare to you the things
that are to come. He will glorify
me, because he will take what is
mine and declare it to you. All that
the Father has is mine. For this
reason I said that he will take what
is mine and declare it to you."

POST COMMUNION

Almighty and eternal God,
you have revealed yourself as
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
and live and reign in the perfect
unity of love:
hold us firm in this faith,
that we may know you in all your
ways
and evermore rejoice in your
eternal glory,
who are three Persons yet one
God,
now and for ever.

COLLECT

O God,
the strength of all those who put their
trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of our
mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your
commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Isaiah 65:1-9

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The word of the Lord through the prophet: I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name. I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. Thus says the LORD: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

PSALM Psalm 22:18-27

R *All the ends of the earth shall bow before him.*

Be not far away, O, Lord;
You are my strength; hasten to help me.

Save me from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog.
Save me from the lion's mouth,
my wretched body from the horns of wild
bulls. **R**

I will declare your name to my people;
in the midst of the congregation I will
praise you.
Praise the Lord, you that fear him;
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory. **R**

For he does not despise nor abhor
the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them;
but when they cry to him he hears them.
My praise is of him in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows
in the presence of those who worship
him. **R**

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise
him:

"May your heart live for ever!"
All the ends of the earth
shall remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations
shall bow before him.

For kingship belongs to the Lord;
he rules over the nations. **R**

SECOND READING

Galatians 3:23-end

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

Before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ; there is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

GOSPEL Luke 8:26-39

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons

met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" – for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

POST COMMUNION

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in
faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

COLLECT

Lord, you have taught us
that all our doings without love are
nothing worth:
send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts that most
excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all
virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted
dead before you.
Grant this for your only Son Jesus
Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:15-16. 19-end

A reading from the first book of Kings.

The LORD said to Elijah, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place." So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was ploughing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

PSALM Psalm 16

R O Lord, you are my portion and my cup.

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."
All my delight is upon the godly that
are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the
people. **R**

But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.
Their libations of blood I will not offer,
nor take the names of their gods upon
my lips. **R**

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.
My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
I will bless the Lord who gives me
counsel;
my heart teaches me, night after night. **R**

I have set the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand I shall
not fall.
My heart, therefore, is glad and my
spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope. **R**

For you will not abandon me to the
grave,
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for
evermore. **R**

SECOND READING

Galatians 5:1. 13-25

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

For freedom Christ has set us free.
Stand firm, therefore, and do not
submit again to a yoke of slavery.
For you were called to freedom,
brothers and sisters; only do not use
your freedom as an opportunity for
self-indulgence, but through love
become slaves to one another. For the
whole law is summed up in a single
commandment, "You shall love your
neighbour as yourself." If, however,
you bite and devour one another, take
care that you are not consumed by one
another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do
not gratify the desires of the flesh. For
what the flesh desires is opposed to
the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires
is opposed to the flesh; for these are
opposed to each other, to prevent
you from doing what you want. But if
you are led by the Spirit, you are not
subject to the law. Now the works
of the flesh are obvious: fornication,
impurity, licentiousness, idolatry,
sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger,
quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy,
drunkenness, carousing, and things like

these. I am warning you, as I warned
you before: those who do such things
will not inherit the kingdom of God.
By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is
love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,
generosity, faithfulness, gentleness,
and self-control. There is no law against
such things. And those who belong to
Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh
with its passions and desires. If we live
by the Spirit, let us also be guided by
the Spirit.

GOSPEL Luke 9:51-end

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Luke.*

When the days drew near for him to
be taken up, he set his face to go to
Jerusalem. And he sent messengers
ahead of him. On their way they
entered a village of the Samaritans to
make ready for him; but they did not
receive him, because his face was set
towards Jerusalem. When his disciples
James and John saw it, they said, "Lord,
do you want us to command fire to
come down from heaven and consume
them?" But he turned and rebuked
them. Then they went on to another
village. As they were going along the
road, someone said to him,
"I will follow you wherever you go."
And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have
holes, and birds of the air have nests;
but the Son of Man has nowhere to
lay his head." To another Jesus said,
"Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first
let me go and bury my father." But
Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury
their own dead; but as for you, go and
proclaim the kingdom of God." Another
said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me
first say farewell to those at my home."
Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a
hand to the plough and looks back is fit
for the kingdom of God."

POST COMMUNION

Loving Father,
we thank you for feeding us at the
supper of your Son:
sustain us with your Spirit,
that we may serve you here on earth
until our joy is complete in heaven,
and we share in the eternal banquet
with Jesus Christ our Lord.