

COLLECT

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for
our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of
malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus
Christ our Lord,
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 5:27-32

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the temple police had brought the
apostles, they made them stand before
the council. The high priest questioned
them, saying, "We gave you strict orders
not to teach in this name, yet here you
have filled Jerusalem with your teaching
and you are determined to bring this
man's blood on us." But Peter and the
apostles answered, "We must obey God
rather than any human authority. The
God of our ancestors raised up Jesus,
whom you had killed by hanging him on
a tree. God exalted him at his right hand
as Leader and Saviour that he might give
repentance to Israel and forgiveness of
sins. And we are witnesses to these things,
and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has
given to those who obey him."

Or Exodus 14:10-end; 15:20. 21

PSALM

Either Psalm 118:14-end

R *This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.*

or

R *Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.*

The Lord is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.
Joyful shouts of salvation
sound from the tents of the righteous: **R**

"The right hand of the Lord does mighty
deeds; the right hand of the Lord raises
up;
the right hand of the Lord does mighty
deeds."

I shall not die, but live
and declare the works of the Lord. **R**

The Lord has punished me sorely,
but he has not given me over to death.
Open to me the gates of righteousness,

that I may enter and give thanks to the
Lord. **R**

This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.
I will give thanks to you, for you have
answered me
and have become my salvation. **R**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it. **R**

Come, O Lord, and save us we pray.
Come, Lord, send us now prosperity.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of
the Lord;
we bless you from the house of the Lord.
The Lord is God; he has given us light;
link the pilgrims with cords right to the
horns of the altar. **R**
You are my God and I will thank you;
you are my God and I will exalt you.
O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever. **R**

Or Psalm 150

R *Let everything that has breath
praise the Lord.*

Alleluia!

O praise God in his holiness;
praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him for his mighty acts;
praise him according to his excellent
greatness. **R**

Praise him with the blast of the trumpet;
praise him upon the harp and lyre.
Praise him with timbrel and dances;
praise him upon the strings and pipe. **R**

Praise him with ringing cymbals;
praise him upon the clashing cymbals.
Let everything that has breath
praise the Lord.
Alleluia! **R**

SECOND READING

Revelation 1:4-8

A reading from the book of Revelation.

John to the seven churches that are in
Asia: Grace to you and peace from him
who is and who was and who is to come,
and from the seven spirits who are before
his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the
faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead,
and the ruler of the kings of the earth.
To him who loves us and freed us from
our sins by his blood, and made us to be
a kingdom, priests serving his God and
Father, to him be glory and dominion for
ever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming
with the clouds; every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him; and on his
account all the tribes of the earth will wail.
So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and
the Omega," says the Lord God, who is
and who was and who is to come, the
Almighty.

Or Acts 5:27-32

GOSPEL John 20:19-end

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

It was evening on the first day of the week,
and the doors of the house where the
disciples had met were locked for fear of
the Jews. Jesus came and stood among
them and said, "Peace be with you." After
he said this, he showed them his hands
and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced
when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them
again, "Peace be with you. As the Father
has sent me, so I send you." When he had
said this, he breathed on them and said
to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you
forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven
them; if you retain the sins of any, they are
retained." But Thomas (who was called the
Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them
when Jesus came. So the other disciples
told him, "We have seen the Lord." But
he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of
the nails in his hands, and put my finger
in the mark of the nails and my hand in
his side, I will not believe." A week later
his disciples were again in the house, and
Thomas was with them. Although the doors
were shut, Jesus came and stood among
them and said, "Peace be with you." Then
he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here
and see my hands. Reach out your hand
and put it in my side. Do not doubt but
believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord
and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have
you believed because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen and
yet have come to believe." Now Jesus
did many other signs in the presence of
his disciples, which are not written in this
book. But these are written so that you may
come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah,
the Son of God, and that through believing
you may have life in his name.

POST COMMUNION

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal
life
and in baptism have made us one with
him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

