

### COLLECT

Lord of all life and power,  
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son  
overcame the old order of sin and death  
to make all things new in him:  
grant that we, being dead to sin  
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
may reign with him in glory;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be praise and honour, glory and might,  
now and in all eternity.

### FIRST READING

The reading from Acts must be used as either the first or second reading.

Either **Acts 10:34-43**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Or **Jeremiah 31:1-6**

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the LORD: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merry-makers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God."

### PSALM

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (or 118:14-24)

R I will give thanks to you, for you have become my salvation.



O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim,  
"His mercy endures for ever." R

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:  
"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." R

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

### SECOND READING

Either **Colossians 3:1-4**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Or **Acts 10:34-43**

### GOPEL

Either **John 20:1-18**

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

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also

went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" which means Teacher. Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Or **Matthew 28:1-10**

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

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

### POST COMMUNION

God of Life,  
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten  
Son  
to the death of the cross,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:  
grant us so to die daily to sin,  
that we may evermore live with him  
in the joy of his risen life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

# Sunday 12 April 2026 Second Sunday of Easter

## 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 2:14a. 22-32

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know – this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

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

## PSALM Psalm 16

**R** The Lord is at my right hand; I shall not fall.

Preserve me, O God, for in you have I taken refuge;  
I have said to the Lord, "You are my lord,  
all my good depends on you."  
All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble in heart. **R**

Though the idols are legion that many run after,  
their drink offerings of blood I will not offer,  
neither make mention of their names upon my lips.

The Lord himself is my portion and my cup;  
in your hands alone is my fortune. **R**

My share has fallen in a fair land;  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.  
I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel,  
and in the night watches he instructs my heart. **R**

I have set the Lord always before me;  
he is at my right hand; I shall not fall.  
Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices;  
my flesh also shall rest secure. **R**

For you will not abandon my soul to Death,  
nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.  
You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence is the fullness of joy  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore. **R**

## SECOND READING

Either 1 Peter 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith – being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire – may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with

an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Or Acts 2:14a. 22-32

## GOSPEL John 20:19-end

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

When 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.



# Sunday 19 April 2026 Third Sunday of Easter

## COLLECT

Almighty Father,  
who in your great mercy gladdened the  
disciples with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence  
with us,  
that we may be strengthened and  
sustained by his risen life  
and serve you continually in righteousness  
and truth;  
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

*The reading from Acts must be used as either the first or second reading.*

Either **Acts 2:14a. 36-41**

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptised, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Or **Zephaniah 3:14-end**

**PSALM Psalm 116:1-3. 10-end**  
(or 116:1-7)

**R** *Gracious is the Lord and righteous.*

I love the Lord,  
for he has heard the voice of my  
supplication;  
because he inclined his ear to me  
on the day I called to him.  
The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pains of hell took hold of me;  
by grief and sorrow was I held. **R**

Then I called upon the name of the Lord:  
"O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul."  
How shall I repay the Lord  
for all the benefits he has given to me? **R**

I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call upon the name of the Lord.  
I will fulfil my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people.  
Precious in the sight of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful servants. **R**

O Lord, I am your servant,  
your servant, the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.  
I will offer to you a sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name of the Lord. **R**

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people,  
in the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.  
Alleluia. **R**

## SECOND READING

Either **1 Peter 1:17-23**

*A reading from the first letter of Peter.*

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Or **Acts 2:14a. 36-41**

**GOSPEL Luke 24:13-35**

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

On that same day, two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognising him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only

stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" Jesus asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see Jesus." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognised Jesus; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

## POST COMMUNION

Living God,  
your Son made himself known to his  
disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his redeeming  
work;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.



Gra-cious is the Lord and righ-teous.

# Sunday 26 April 2026 Fourth Sunday of Easter

## COLLECT

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the  
resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of  
righteousness,  
that we may seek those things  
which are above,  
where he 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 2:42-end**

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

Many were baptised and were added to the community. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Or **Genesis 7**

## PSALM Psalm 23

**R** *I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*

The Lord is my shepherd;  
therefore can I lack nothing.  
He makes me lie down in green  
pastures  
and leads me beside still waters. **R**

He shall refresh my soul  
and guide me in the paths of  
righteousness for his name's sake.  
Though I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they  
comfort me. **R**

You spread a table before me  
in the presence of those who  
trouble me;  
you have anointed my head with  
oil and my cup shall be full.  
Surely goodness and loving mercy  
shall follow me all the days of my  
life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the  
Lord for ever. **R**

## SECOND READING

Either **1 Peter 2:19-end**

*A reading from the first letter of Peter.*

Brothers and sisters: It is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Or **Acts 2:42-end**

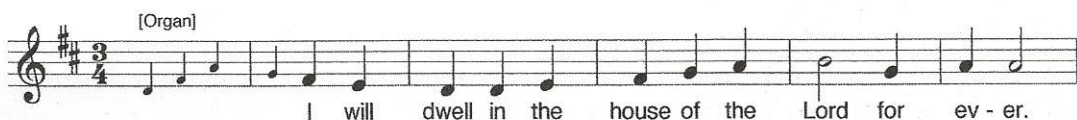
## GOSPEL John 10:1-10

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

Jesus said to the Pharisees: "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

## POST COMMUNION

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to  
be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down  
his life and rise again:  
keep us always under his  
protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his  
steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



# Sunday 3 May 2026 Fifth Sunday of Easter

## COLLECT

Almighty God,  
who through your only-begotten Son  
Jesus Christ  
have overcome death and opened to  
us the gate of everlasting life:  
grant that, as by your grace going  
before us you put into our minds  
good desires,  
so by your continual help  
we may bring them to good effect;  
through Jesus Christ our risen 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 7:55-end

A reading from the Acts of the  
Apostles.

Standing before the high priest and  
the council, Stephen, filled with the  
Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and  
saw the glory of God and Jesus  
standing at the right hand of God.  
"Look," he said, "I see the heavens  
opened and the Son of Man standing  
at the right hand of God!" But they  
covered their ears, and with a loud  
shout all rushed together against him.  
Then they dragged him out of the  
city and began to stone him; and the  
witnesses laid their coats at the feet  
of a young man named Saul. While they  
were stoning Stephen, he prayed,  
"Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then  
he knelt down and cried out in a loud  
voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin  
against them." When he had said this,  
he died.

Or **Genesis 8:1-19**

## PSALM Psalm 31:1-5. 15-16

(or 31:1-5)   
**R** Into your hands I commend my  
spirit, for you have redeemed me,  
O Lord God of truth.

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame;  
deliver me in your righteousness.  
Incline your ear to me;  
make haste to deliver me.

Be my strong rock, a fortress to save  
me, for you are my rock and my  
stronghold;  
guide me, and lead me for your  
name's sake. **R**

Take me out of the net  
that they have laid secretly for me,  
for you are my strength.  
Into your hands I commend my spirit,  
for you have redeemed me, O Lord  
God of truth. **R**

## SECOND READING

### Either 1 Peter 2:2-10

A reading from the first letter of  
Peter.

Like newborn infants, long for the  
pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you  
may grow into salvation – if indeed  
you have tasted that the Lord is  
good. Come to him, a living stone,  
though rejected by mortals yet  
chosen and precious in God's sight.  
Like living stones, let yourselves be  
built into a spiritual house, to be a  
holy priesthood, to offer spiritual  
sacrifices acceptable to God through  
Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:  
"See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a  
cornerstone chosen and precious;  
and whoever believes in him will not  
be put to shame." To you then who  
believe, he is precious; but for those  
who do not believe, "The stone that  
the builders rejected has become the  
very head of the corner," and  
"A stone that makes them stumble,  
and a rock that makes them fall."  
They stumble because they disobey  
the word, as they were destined to  
do. But you are a chosen race, a  
royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's  
own people, in order that you may  
proclaim the mighty acts of him who  
called you out of darkness into his  
marvellous light. Once you were  
not a people, but now you are  
God's people; once you had not  
received mercy, but now you have  
received mercy.

Or **Acts 7:55-end**

## GOSPEL John 14:1-14

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

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not  
let your hearts be troubled. Believe in  
God, believe also in me. In my Father's  
house there are many dwelling-places.  
If it were not so, would I have told you  
that I go to prepare a place for you?  
And if I go and prepare a place for  
you, I will come again and will take you  
to myself, so that where I am, there  
you may be also. And you know the  
way to the place where I am going."  
Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do  
not know where you are going. How  
can we know the way?" Jesus said to  
him, "I am the way, and the truth, and  
the life. No one comes to the Father  
except through me. If you know me,  
you will know my Father also. From  
now on you do know him and have  
seen him." Philip said to him, "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."

## POST COMMUNION

Eternal God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the  
truth, and the life:  
grant us to walk in his way,  
to rejoice in his truth,  
and to share his risen life;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for  
ever.



# Sunday 10 May 2026 Sixth Sunday of Easter

## COLLECT

God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us from the power  
of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of  
your Son:  
grant, that as by his death he has  
recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us he  
may raise us to eternal joy;  
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

*The reading from Acts must be used as either the first or second reading.*

Either **Acts 17:22-31**

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him – though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Or **Genesis 8:20 – 9:17**

## PSALM Psalm 66:7-end

**R** *All the earth shall worship you,  
O Lord.*

Bless our God, O you peoples;  
make the voice of his praise to be  
heard,  
Who holds our souls in life  
and suffers not our feet to slip. **R**

For you, O God, have proved us;  
you have tried us as silver is tried.  
You brought us into the snare;  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.  
You let enemies ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and water;  
but you brought us out into a place of  
liberty. **R**

I will come into your house with burnt  
offerings and will pay you my vows,  
which my lips uttered and my mouth  
promised when I was in trouble.  
I will offer you fat burnt sacrifices  
with the smoke of rams;  
I will sacrifice oxen and goats. **R**

Come and listen, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell you what he has done for  
my soul.

I called out to him with my mouth  
and his praise was on my tongue. **R**

If I had nursed evil in my heart,  
the Lord would not have heard me,  
But in truth God has heard me;  
he has heeded the voice of my prayer.  
Blessed be God, who has not rejected  
my prayer,  
nor withheld his loving mercy from me. **R**

## SECOND READING

Either **1 Peter 3:13-end**

*A reading from the first letter of Peter.*

Who will harm you if you are eager to  
do what is good? But even if you do  
suffer for doing what is right, you are  
blessed. Do not fear what they fear,  
and do not be intimidated, but in your  
hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be  
ready to make your defence to anyone  
who demands from you an account of  
the hope that is in you; yet do it with  
gentleness and reverence. Keep your  
conscience clear, so that, when you  
are maligned, those who abuse you for  
your good conduct in Christ may be  
put to shame. For it is better to suffer  
for doing good, if suffering should be  
God's will, than to suffer for doing evil.



For Christ also suffered for sins once for  
all, the righteous for the unrighteous,  
in order to bring you to God. He was  
put to death in the flesh, but made  
alive in the spirit, in which also he went  
and made a proclamation to the spirits  
in prison, who in former times did not  
obey, when God waited patiently in  
the days of Noah, during the building  
of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight  
persons, were saved through water.  
And baptism, which this prefigured,  
now saves you – not as a removal of  
dirt from the body, but as an appeal to  
God for a good conscience, through  
the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who  
has gone into heaven and is at the right  
hand of God, with angels, authorities,  
and powers made subject to him.

Or **Acts 17:22-31**

## GOSPEL John 14:15-21

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

Jesus said to his disciples: "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 will  
not leave you orphaned; I am coming  
to you. In a little while the world will  
no longer see me, but you will see me;  
because I live, you also will live. On  
that day you will know that I am in my  
Father, and you in me, and I in you.  
They who have my commandments and  
keep them are those who love me; and  
those who love me will be loved by my  
Father, and I will love them and reveal  
myself to them."

## POST COMMUNION

God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water  
of eternal life:  
may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of  
goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns,  
now and for ever.



# Sunday 17 May 2026 Seventh Sunday of Easter

## COLLECT

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus  
Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in  
heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour  
Christ is gone before,  
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 1:6-14

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Or Ezekiel 36:24-28

## PSALM

Psalm 68:1-10. 32-end (or 68:1-10) 

R Sing to God, sing praises to his name.

Let God arise and let his enemies be scattered;  
let those that hate him flee before him.  
As the smoke vanishes, so may they vanish away;



Sing - to God, sing prai-ses to his name.

as wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked  
perish at the presence of God. R

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice  
before God;  
let them make merry with gladness.  
Sing to God, sing praises to his name;  
exalt him who rides on the clouds.  
The Lord is his name; rejoice before him. R

Father of the fatherless, defender of  
widows,  
God in his holy habitation!  
God gives the solitary a home  
and brings forth prisoners to songs of  
welcome,  
but the rebellious inhabit a burning desert. R

O God, when you went forth before your  
people,  
when you marched through the wilderness,  
The earth shook and the heavens dropped  
down rain, at the presence of God, the  
Lord of Sinai,  
at the presence of God, the God of  
Israel. R

You sent down a gracious rain, O God;  
you refreshed your inheritance when it was  
weary.  
Your people came to dwell there;  
in your goodness, O God, you provide for  
the poor. R

Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth;  
make music in praise of the Lord;  
He rides on the ancient heaven of heavens  
and sends forth his voice, a mighty voice. R

Ascribe power to God, whose splendour is  
over Israel,  
whose power is above the clouds.  
How terrible is God in his holy sanctuary,  
the God of Israel, who gives power and  
strength to his people!  
Blessed be God. R

## SECOND READING

Either 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery  
ordeal that is taking place among you to  
test you, as though something strange  
were happening to you. But rejoice in so  
far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings,  
so that you may also be glad and shout  
for joy when his glory is revealed. If you  
are reviled for the name of Christ, you are  
blessed, because the spirit of glory, which  
is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.  
Humble yourselves therefore under the  
mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt  
you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on  
him, because he cares for you. Discipline  
yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion  
your adversary the devil prowls around,

looking for someone to devour. Resist him,  
steadfast in your faith, for you know that  
your brothers and sisters throughout the  
world are undergoing the same kinds of  
suffering. And after you have suffered for  
a little while, the God of all grace, who has  
called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will  
himself restore, support, strengthen, and  
establish you. To him be the power for ever  
and ever. Amen.

Or Acts 1:6-14

## GOSPEL John 17:1-11

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and said,  
"Father, the hour has come; glorify your  
Son so that the Son may glorify you, since  
you have given him authority over all  
people, to give eternal life to all whom  
you have given him. And this is eternal  
life, that they may know you, the only true  
God, and Jesus Christ whom you have  
sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing  
the work that you gave me to do. So now,  
Father, glorify me in your own presence  
with the glory that I had in your presence  
before the world existed. I have made your  
name known to those whom you gave me  
from the world. They were yours, and you  
gave them to me, and they have kept your  
word. Now they know that everything you  
have given me is from you; for the words  
that you gave to me I have given to them,  
and they have received them and know in  
truth that I came from you; and they have  
believed that you sent me. I am asking on  
their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of  
the world, but on behalf of those whom  
you gave me, because they are yours. All  
mine are yours, and yours are mine; and  
I have been glorified in them. And now I  
am no longer in the world, but they are in  
the world, and I am coming to you. Holy  
Father, protect them in your name that you  
have given me, so that they may be one, as  
we are one."

## POST COMMUNION

Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all  
the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we  
proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### 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 the native language of each. 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 **Numbers 11:24-30**

**PSALM Psalm 104:26-36. 37b**  
(or 104:26-end)

**R** I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.

O Lord, how manifold are your works!  
In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.  
There is the sea, spread far and wide,  
and there move creatures beyond number,  
both small and great. **R**

There go the ships, and there is that  
Leviathan  
which you have made to play in the deep.  
All of these look to you  
to give them their food in due season. **R**

When you give it them, they gather it;  
you open your hand and they are filled  
with good.  
When you hide your face they are  
troubled;  
when you take away their breath,  
they die and return again to the dust.  
When you send forth your spirit, they are  
created,  
and you renew the face of the earth. **R**

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;  
may the Lord rejoice in his works;  
He looks on the earth and it trembles;  
he touches the mountains and they  
smoke.  
I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;  
I will make music to my God while I have  
my being. **R**

So shall my song please him  
while I rejoice in the Lord.  
Let sinners be consumed out of the earth  
and the wicked be no more.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul.  
Alleluia. **R**

### SECOND READING

Either **1 Corinthians 12:3b-13**

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

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are

varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Or **Acts 2:1-21**

### GOSPEL

Either **John 20:19-23**

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."

Or **John 7:37-39**

### 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

**Isaiah 40:12-17. 27-end**

*A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.*

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? Who has directed the spirit of the LORD, or as his counsellor has instructed him? Whom did he consult for his enlightenment, and who taught him the path of justice? Who taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding? Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as dust on the scales; see, he takes up the isles like fine dust. Lebanon would not provide fuel enough, nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering. All the nations are as nothing before him; they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God,

the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

### PSALM Psalm 8

**R** O Lord our governor,  
how glorious is your name in  
all the world!



Your majesty above the heavens is  
praised  
out of the mouths of babes at the  
breast.

You have founded a stronghold  
against your foes,  
that you might still the enemy and  
the avenger. **R**

When I consider your heavens, the  
work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you  
have ordained,  
What are mortals, that you should  
be mindful of them;  
mere human beings, that you should  
seek them out? **R**

You have made them little lower  
than the angels  
and crown them with glory and  
honour.  
You have given them dominion over  
the works of their hands  
and put all things under their feet. **R**

All sheep and oxen,  
even the wild beasts of the field,  
The birds of the air, the fish of the  
sea  
and whatsoever moves in the paths  
of the sea. **R**

### SECOND READING

**2 Corinthians 13:11-end**

*A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.*

Brothers and sisters, put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

### GOSPEL Matthew 28:16-end

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

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

### 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.



# Sunday 7 June 2026 First Sunday after Trinity

## 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 Hosea 5:15 – 6:6

*A reading from the book of the prophet Hosea.*

I will return again to my place until they  
acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.  
In their distress they will beg my favour:  
Come, let us return to the Lord; for it is he  
who has torn, and he will heal us; he has  
struck down, and he will bind us up. After  
two days he will revive us; on the third day  
he will raise us up, that we may live before  
him. Let us know, let us press on to know  
the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the  
dawn; he will come to us like the showers,  
like the spring rains that water the earth.  
What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?  
What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your  
love is like a morning cloud, like the dew  
that goes away early. Therefore I have  
hewn them by the prophets, I have killed  
them by the words of my mouth, and my  
judgement goes forth as the light. For I  
desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,  
the knowledge of God rather than burnt-  
offerings.

Or **Genesis 12:1-9**

## PSALM Psalm 50:7-15

**R** Offer to God a sacrifice of  
thanksgiving.

Hear, O my people, and I will speak: "I will  
testify against you, O Israel; for I am  
God, your God.

"I will not reprove you for your sacrifices,  
for your burnt offerings are always before  
me. **R**

"I will take no bull out of your house,  
nor he-goat out of your folds,

"For all the beasts of the forest are mine,  
the cattle upon a thousand hills.

"I know every bird of the mountains  
and the insect of the field is mine. **R**

"If I were hungry, I would not tell you,  
for the whole world is mine and all that  
fills it.

"Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls,  
or drink the blood of goats? **R**

"Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and fulfil your vows to God Most High.

"Call upon me in the day of trouble;  
I will deliver you and you shall honour  
me." **R**

## SECOND READING Romans 4:13-end

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

The promise that Abraham would inherit  
the world did not come to Abraham or  
to his descendants through the law but  
through the righteousness of faith. If it is  
the adherents of the law who are to be the  
heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.  
For the law brings wrath; but where there  
is no law, neither is there violation. For  
this reason it depends on faith, in order  
that the promise may rest on grace and  
be guaranteed to all his descendants, not  
only to the adherents of the law but also  
to those who share the faith of Abraham  
(for he is the father of all of us, as it is  
written, "I have made you the father of  
many nations") – Abraham believed in  
the presence of the God who gives life  
to the dead and calls into existence the  
things that do not exist. Hoping against  
hope, he believed that he would become  
"the father of many nations," according  
to what was said, "So numerous shall your  
descendants be." He did not weaken in  
faith when he considered his own body,  
which was already as good as dead (for  
he was about a hundred years old), or  
when he considered the barrenness of  
Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver  
concerning the promise of God, but he  
grew strong in his faith as he gave glory  
to God, being fully convinced that God  
was able to do what he had promised.  
Therefore his faith "was reckoned to  
him as righteousness." Now the words,  
"it was reckoned to him," were written  
not for his sake alone, but for ours also.  
It will be reckoned to us who believe in

God who raised Jesus our Lord from the  
dead, who was handed over to death  
for our trespasses and was raised for our  
justification.

## GOSPEL Matthew 9:9-13. 18-26

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

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man  
called Matthew sitting at the tax booth;  
and he said to him, "Follow me." And he  
got up and followed him. And as he sat at  
dinner in the house, many tax-collectors  
and sinners came and were sitting with  
him and his disciples. When the Pharisees  
saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why  
does your teacher eat with tax-collectors  
and sinners?" But when he heard this, he  
said, "Those who are well have no need  
of a physician, but those who are sick. Go  
and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy,  
not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not  
the righteous but sinners." While he was  
saying these things to them, suddenly  
a leader of the synagogue came in and  
knelt before him, saying, "My daughter  
has just died; but come and lay your hand  
on her, and she will live." And Jesus got  
up and followed him, with his disciples.  
Then suddenly a woman who had been  
suffering from haemorrhages for twelve  
years came up behind him and touched the  
fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself,  
"If I only touch his cloak, I will be made  
well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he  
said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has  
made you well." And instantly the woman  
was made well. When Jesus came to the  
leader's house and saw the flute-players  
and the crowd making a commotion, he  
said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but  
sleeping." And they laughed at him. But  
when the crowd had been put outside, he  
went in and took her by the hand, and the  
girl got up. And the report of this spread  
throughout that district.

## 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 Exodus 19:2-8a**

*A reading from the book of Exodus.*

The Israelites had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites." So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. The people all answered as one: "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do."

Or **Genesis 18:1-5 [21:1-7]**

**PSALM Psalm 100**

**R** *The Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting.*

O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Know that the Lord is God; it is he that has made us and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. **R**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and bless his name. For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting, and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **R**

**SECOND READING Romans 5:1-8**

*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. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

**GOSPEL**

(Short or long reading)

**Matthew 9:35 – 10:8 [9-23]**

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

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. 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 ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest." Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed

him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for labourers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgement than for that town. See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes."]

**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.



**COLLECT**

Almighty God,  
you have broken the tyranny of sin  
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into  
our hearts whereby we call you Father:  
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to  
your service,  
that we and all creation may be brought  
to the glorious liberty of the children of  
God;  
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 Jeremiah 20:7-13**

*A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.*

Jeremiah cried out: O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughing-stock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him." But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten. O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

Or **Genesis 21:8-21**

**PSALM Psalm 69:8-11. (12-17). 18-20**   
(or 69:14-20)

**R** *Hide not your face from your servant,  
O Lord.*

For your sake have I suffered reproach;  
shame has covered my face.  
I have become a stranger to my kindred,  
an alien to my mother's children. **R**

Zeal for your house has eaten me up;  
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen  
upon me.

I humbled myself with fasting,  
but that was turned to my reproach. **R**

I put on sack cloth also  
and became a byword among them.  
Those who sit at the gate murmur against  
me,  
and the drunkards make songs about me. **R**

But as for me, I make my prayer to you,  
O Lord;  
at an acceptable time, O God.  
Answer me, O God, in the abundance of  
your mercy  
and with your sure salvation. **R**

Draw me out of the mire, that I sink not;  
let me be rescued from those who hate me  
and out of the deep waters.  
Let not the water flood drown me,  
neither the deep swallow me up;  
let not the Pit shut its mouth upon me. **R**

Answer me, Lord, for your loving-kindness  
is good;  
turn to me in the multitude of your mercies.  
Hide not your face from your servant;  
be swift to answer me, for I am in trouble.  
Draw near to my soul and redeem me;  
deliver me because of my enemies. **R**

**SECOND READING Romans 6:1b-11**

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

Should we continue in sin in order that  
grace may abound? By no means! How  
can we who died to sin go on living in it?  
Do you not know that all of us who have  
been baptised into Christ Jesus were  
baptised into his death? Therefore we  
have been buried with him by baptism into  
death, so that, just as Christ was raised  
from the dead by the glory of the Father,  
so we too might walk in newness of life.  
For if we have been united with him in a  
death like his, we will certainly be united  
with him in a resurrection like his. We know  
that our old self was crucified with him so  
that the body of sin might be destroyed,  
and we might no longer be enslaved to  
sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin.  
But if we have died with Christ, we believe  
that we will also live with him. We know  
that Christ, being raised from the dead,  
will never die again; death no longer has  
dominion over him. The death he died,  
he died to sin, once for all; but the life he  
lives, he lives to God. So you also must  
consider yourselves dead to sin and alive  
to God in Christ Jesus.

**GOSPEL Matthew 10:24-39**

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

Jesus summoned the twelve and sent  
them out with the following instruction:  
"A disciple is not above the teacher, nor  
a slave above the master; it is enough for  
the disciple to be like the teacher, and the  
slave like the master. If they have called  
the master of the house Beelzebul, how  
much more will they malign those of his  
household! So have no fear of them; for  
nothing is covered up that will not be  
uncovered, and nothing secret that will  
not become known. What I say to you  
in the dark, tell in the light; and what  
you hear whispered, proclaim from the  
housetops. Do not fear those who kill the  
body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear  
him who can destroy both soul and body  
in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a  
penny? Yet not one of them will fall to  
the ground unperceived by your Father.  
And even the hairs of your head are all  
counted. So do not be afraid; you are of  
more value than many sparrows. Everyone  
therefore who acknowledges me before  
others, I also will acknowledge before my  
Father in heaven; but whoever denies me  
before others, I also will deny before my  
Father in heaven. Do not think that I have  
come to bring peace to the earth; I have  
not come to bring peace, but a sword.  
For I have come to set a man against his  
father, and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-  
in-law; and one's foes will be members  
of one's own household. Whoever loves  
father or mother more than me is not  
worthy of me; and whoever loves son or  
daughter more than me is not worthy of  
me; and whoever does not take up the  
cross and follow me is not worthy of me.  
Those who find their life will lose it, and  
those who lose their life for my sake will  
find it."

**POST COMMUNION**

O God, whose beauty is beyond our  
imagining  
and whose power we cannot comprehend:  
show us your glory as far as we can grasp  
it,  
and shield us from knowing more than we  
can bear  
until we may look upon you without fear;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.



## COLLECT

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,  
without whom nothing is strong,  
nothing is holy:  
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;  
that with you as our ruler and guide  
we may so pass through things temporal  
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;  
grant this, heavenly Father,  
for our Lord 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 Jeremiah 28:5-9

*A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.*

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfil the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

Or **Genesis 22:1-14**

## PSALM

**Psalm 89:1-4. 15-18 [or 89:8-18]**

**R** *Truly the Lord is our shield.*

My song shall be always of the loving-kindness of the Lord:  
with my mouth will I proclaim  
your faithfulness throughout all generations.

I will declare that your love is established for ever;

you have set your faithfulness as firm as the heavens. **R**

For you said: "I have made a covenant with my chosen one;

I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

"Your seed will I establish for ever and build up your throne for all generations." **R**

Happy are the people who know the shout of triumph:

they walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance.

In your name they rejoice all the day long

and are exalted in your righteousness. **R**

For you are the glory of their strength, and in your favour you lift up our heads.

Truly the Lord is our shield,  
the Holy One of Israel is our king. **R**

## SECOND READING

**Romans 6:12-end**

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

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which

you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## GOSPEL Matthew 10:40-end

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

Jesus said to the twelve: "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple – truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

## POST COMMUNION

Eternal God,  
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,  
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:  
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,  
that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.



Tru - ly the Lord is our shield.