

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 read as
either the First or Second Reading.*

Either **Acts 3:12-19**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter addressed the people, "You
Israelites, why do you wonder at this,
or why do you stare at us, as though by
our own power or piety we had made
him walk? The God of Abraham, the
God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the
God of our ancestors has glorified his
servant Jesus, whom you handed over
and rejected in the presence of Pilate,
though he had decided to release him.
But you rejected the Holy and Righteous
One and asked to have a murderer
given to you, and you killed the Author
of life, whom God raised from the dead.
To this we are witnesses. And by faith in
his name, his name itself has made this
man strong, whom you see and know;

and the faith that is through Jesus has
given him this perfect health in the
presence of all of you. And now, friends,
I know that you acted in ignorance, as
did also your rulers. In this way God
fulfilled what he had foretold through
all the prophets, that his Messiah would
suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to
God so that your sins may be wiped
out."

Or **Zephaniah 3:14-end**

PSALM Psalm 4



R *In peace, in peace I will lie down and
sleep.*

Answer me when I call, O God of my
righteousness;
you set me at liberty when I was in
trouble;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
How long will you nobles dishonour my
glory;
how long will you love vain things and
seek after falsehood? **R**

But know that the Lord has shown me
his marvellous kindness;
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear
me.

Stand in awe, and sin not;
commune with your own heart upon
your bed, and be still. **R**

Offer the sacrifices of righteousness
and put your trust in the Lord.
There are many that say, "Who will show
us any good?"



In peace, in peace I will lie down and sleep.

Lord, lift up the light of your
countenance upon us.
You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when their corn and wine and
oil increase.
In peace I will lie down and sleep,
for it is you Lord, only, who make me
dwell in safety. R

SECOND READING

Either **1 John 3:1-7**

A reading from the first letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Or **Acts 3:12-19**

GOSPEL Luke 24:36b-48

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

While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard,

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

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.

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Sunday

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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 read
as either the First or Second Reading.*

Either **Acts 4:5-12**

*A reading from the Acts of the
Apostles.*

The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good

health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Or **Genesis 7:1-5. 11-18;
8:6-18; 9:8-13**

PSALM Psalm 23

R *I will dwell in your house 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



I will dwell in your house for ev - - er.

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 John 3:16-end**

A reading from the first letter of John.

We know love by this, that the Son of God laid down his life for us – and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases God. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Or **Acts 4:5-12**

GOSPEL John 10:11-18

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

Jesus said to the Pharisees: “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

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.