

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 read as either the First or Second Reading.

Either **Acts 2:1-21**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in their native language. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and

perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

Or **Ezekiel 37:1-14**

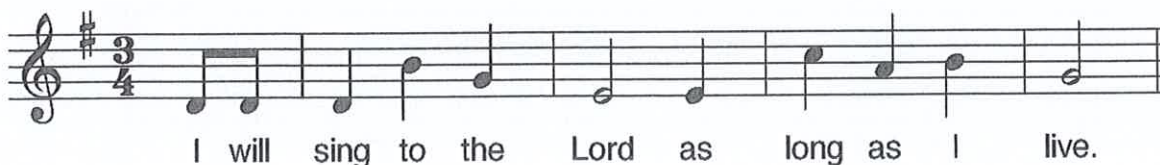
PSALM Psalm 104:26-36. 37b

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.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Alleluia. **R**

Or **Psalm 104:26-end**

SECOND READING

Either **Romans 8:22-27**

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

We know that the whole creation has been
groaning in labour pains until now; and not
only the creation, but we ourselves, who have
the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while
we wait for adoption, the redemption of our
bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope
that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for
what is seen? But if we hope for what we do
not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise
the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do
not know how to pray as we ought, but that
very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for
words. And God, who searches the heart,
knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because
the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to
the will of God.

Or **Acts 2:1-21**

GOSPEL **John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**

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

Jesus spoke to his disciples: "When the
Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from
the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from
the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also
are to testify because you have been with me
from the beginning. I have said these things
to you so that when their hour comes you may
remember that I told you about them. I did not
say these things to you from the beginning,
because I was with you. But now I am going
to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me,
'Where are you going?' But because I have
said these things to you, sorrow has filled your
hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to
your advantage that I go away, for if I do not
go away, the Advocate will not come to you;
but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he
comes, he will prove the world wrong about
sin and righteousness and judgement: about
sin, because they do not believe in me; about
righteousness, because I am going to the
Father and you will see me no longer; about
judgement, because the ruler of this world
has been condemned. I still have many things
to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.
When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide
you into all the truth; for he will not speak on
his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and
he will declare to you the things that are to
come. He will glorify me, because he will take
what is mine and declare it to you. All that the
Father has is mine. For this reason I said that
he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

POST COMMUNION

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.