

COLLECT

Almighty God,
 you have knit together your elect
 in one communion and fellowship
 in the mystical body of your Son
 Christ our Lord:
 grant us grace so to follow your
 blessed saints
 in all virtuous and godly living
 that we may come to those
 inexpressible joys
 that you have prepared for those
 who truly love you;
 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

Either Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9
A reading from the book of Wisdom.
 The souls of the righteous are in the
 hand of God, and no torment will
 ever touch them. In the eyes of the
 foolish they seemed to have died,
 and their departure was thought to
 be a disaster, and their going from
 us to be their destruction; but they
 are at peace. For though in the sight
 of others they were punished, their
 hope is full of immortality. Having
 been disciplined a little, they will
 receive great good, because God
 tested them and found them worthy
 of himself; like gold in the furnace
 he tried them, and like a sacrificial
 burnt-offering he accepted them.
 In the time of their visitation they
 will shine forth, and will run like
 sparks through the stubble. They
 will govern nations and rule over
 peoples, and the Lord will reign
 over them for ever. Those who trust
 in him will understand truth, and
 the faithful will abide with him in
 love, because grace and mercy are
 upon his holy ones, and he watches
 over his elect.

Or Isaiah 25:6-9

PSALM Psalm 24:1-6

R The Lord of hosts: he is the King of glory.

The earth is the Lord's and all that
 fills it,
 the compass of the world and all who
 dwell therein.
 For he has founded it upon the seas
 and set it firm upon the rivers of the
 deep. **R**

"Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord,
 or who can rise up in his holy place?"
 "Those who have clean hands and a
 pure heart,
 who have not lifted up their soul to
 an idol,
 nor sworn an oath to a lie; **R**

"They shall receive a blessing from
 the Lord,
 a just reward from the God of their
 salvation."
 Such is the company of those who
 seek him,
 of those who seek your face, O God of
 Jacob. **R**

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-6a
A reading from the book of Revelation.
 I, John, saw a new heaven and a new
 earth; for the first heaven and the
 first earth had passed away, and
 the sea was no more. And I saw
 the holy city, the new Jerusalem,
 coming down out of heaven from
 God, prepared as a bride adorned
 for her husband. And I heard a loud
 voice from the throne saying, "See,
 the home of God is among mortals.
 He will dwell with them; they will
 be his peoples, and God himself will
 be with them; he will wipe every
 tear from their eyes. Death will be
 no more; mourning and crying and
 pain will be no more, for the first
 things have passed away." And the
 one who was seated on the throne
 said, "See, I am making all things
 new." Also he said, "Write this,
 for these words are trustworthy
 and true." Then he said to me, "It
 is done! I am the Alpha and the
 Omega, the beginning and the end."

GOSPEL John 11:32-44

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

When Mary came where Jesus
 was and saw him, she knelt at his
 feet and said to him, "Lord, if you
 had been here, my brother would
 not have died." When Jesus saw
 her weeping, and the Jews who
 came with her also weeping, he
 was greatly disturbed in spirit and
 deeply moved. He said, "Where
 have you laid him?" They said to
 him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus
 began to weep. So the Jews said,
 "See how he loved him!" But some
 of them said, "Could not he who
 opened the eyes of the blind man
 have kept this man from dying?"
 Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed,
 came to the tomb. It was a cave,
 and a stone was lying against it.
 Jesus said, "Take away the stone."
 Martha, the sister of the dead man,
 said to him, "Lord, already there is
 a stench because he has been dead
 four days." Jesus said to her, "Did
 I not tell you that if you believed,
 you would see the glory of God?" So
 they took away the stone. And Jesus
 looked upward and said, "Father,
 I thank you for having heard me. I
 knew that you always hear me, but
 I have said this for the sake of the
 crowd standing here, so that they
 may believe that you sent me."
 When he had said this, he cried with
 a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"
 The dead man came out, his hands
 and feet bound with strips of cloth,
 and his face wrapped in a cloth.
 Jesus said to them, "Unbind him,
 and let him go."

POST COMMUNION

God, the source of all holiness
 and giver of all good things:
 may we who have shared at this
 table as strangers and pilgrims
 here on earth
 be welcomed with all your saints
 to the heavenly feast on the day
 of your kingdom;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

