

## 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

### (Alternative readings)

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

#### Either Acts 16:9-15

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

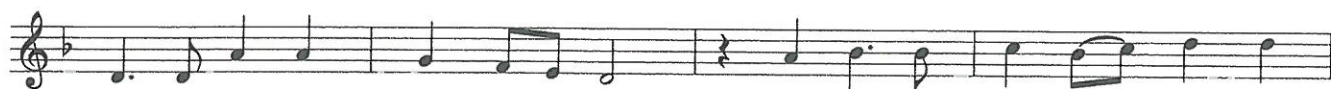
During the night Paul had a vision: there  
stood a man of Macedonia pleading  
with him and saying, "Come over to  
Macedonia and help us." When he had  
seen the vision, we immediately tried  
to cross over to Macedonia, being  
convinced that God had called us to  
proclaim the good news to them. We  
set sail from Troas and took a straight  
course to Samothrace, the following day  
to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi,  
which is a leading city of the district of  
Macedonia and a Roman colony. We  
remained in this city for some days. On  
the sabbath day we went outside the  
gate by the river, where we supposed  
there was a place of prayer; and we sat  
down and spoke to the women who  
had gathered there. A certain woman  
named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was  
listening to us; she was from the city of  
Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The  
Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly  
to what was said by Paul. When she and  
her household were baptised, she urged  
us, saying, "If you have judged me to be  
faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my  
home." And she prevailed upon us.

#### Or Ezekiel 37:1-14

## PSALM Psalm 67

**R** Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us,



Let the peo - ples praise you, O God; let all the peo - ples - praise you.

That your way may be known upon earth,  
your saving power among all nations. **R**

O let the nations rejoice and be glad,  
for you will judge the peoples righteously  
and govern the nations upon earth.  
Then shall the earth bring forth her  
increase,  
and God, our own God, will bless us.  
God will bless us,  
and all the ends of the earth shall fear  
him. **R**

## SECOND READING

### Revelation 21:10. 22 – 22:5

*A reading from the book of Revelation.*

In the spirit the angel carried me away to  
a great, high mountain and showed me  
the holy city Jerusalem coming down out  
of heaven from God. I saw no temple in  
the city, for its temple is the Lord God  
the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city  
has no need of sun or moon to shine on  
it, for the glory of God is its light, and its  
lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk  
by its light, and the kings of the earth  
will bring their glory into it. Its gates will  
never be shut by day – and there will be  
no night there. People will bring into it  
the glory and the honour of the nations.  
But nothing unclean will enter it, nor  
anyone who practises abomination or  
falsehood, but only those who are written  
in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel  
showed me the river of the water of life,  
bright as crystal, flowing from the throne  
of God and of the Lamb through the  
middle of the street of the city. On either  
side of the river is the tree of life with its  
twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit  
each month; and the leaves of the tree  
are for the healing of the nations. Nothing  
accursed will be found there any more.  
But the throne of God and of the Lamb  
will be in it, and his servants will worship  
him; they will see his face, and his name  
will be on their foreheads. And there will  
be no more night; they need no light of  
lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their  
light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

## GOSPEL (Alternative readings)

### Either John 14:23-29

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

Jesus said to his disciples: "Those who  
love me will keep my word, and my  
Father will love them, and we will come

to them and make our home with them.  
Whoever does not love me does not keep  
my words; and the word that you hear is  
not mine, but is from the Father who sent  
me. I have said these things to you while  
I am still with you. But the Advocate, the  
Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in  
my name, will teach you everything, and  
remind you of all that I have said to you.  
Peace I leave with you; my peace I give  
to you. I do not give to you as the world  
gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled,  
and do not let them be afraid. You heard  
me say to you, 'I am going away, and  
I am coming to you.' If you loved me,  
you would rejoice that I am going to the  
Father, because the Father is greater than  
I. And now I have told you this before it  
occurs, so that when it does occur, you  
may believe."

#### Or John 5:1-9

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

After this there was a festival of the Jews,  
and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in  
Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a  
pool, called in Hebrew Bethzatha, which  
has five porticoes. In these lay many  
invalids – blind, lame, and paralysed. One  
man was there who had been ill for thirty-  
eight years. When Jesus saw him lying  
there and knew that he had been there a  
long time, he said to him, "Do you want  
to be made well?" The sick man answered  
him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into  
the pool when the water is stirred up; and  
while I am making my way, someone else  
steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to  
him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk."  
At once the man was made well, and he  
took up his mat and began to walk. Now  
that day was a sabbath.

## 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.