

**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**

**(Alternative readings)**

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

**Either Acts 5:27-32**

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they made them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

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

**PSALM**

**Either Psalm 118:14-29**

**R** *This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.*

**Or**

**R** *Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.*

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: **R**

"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."

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

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**

Come, O Lord, and save us we pray.  
Come, Lord, send us now prosperity.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord;

we bless you from the house of the Lord.  
The Lord is God; he has given us light;  
link the pilgrims with cords right to the horns  
of the altar. **R**

You are my God and I will thank you;  
you are my God and I will exalt you.  
O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his mercy endures for ever. **R**

**Or Psalm 150**

**R** *Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.*

Alleluia!

O praise God in his holiness;  
praise him in the firmament of his power.  
Praise him for his mighty acts;  
praise him according to his excellent  
greatness. **R**

Praise him with the blast of the  
trumpet;  
praise him upon the harp and lyre.  
Praise him with timbrel and dances;  
praise him upon the strings and pipe. **R**

Praise him with ringing cymbals;  
praise him upon the clashing cymbals.  
Let everything that has breath  
praise the Lord.

Alleluia! **R**

**SECOND READING**

**Revelation 1:4-8**

*A reading from the book of Revelation.*

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:  
Grace to you and peace from him who is  
and who was and who is to come, and from  
the seven spirits who are before his throne,  
and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness,  
the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of  
the kings of the earth. To him who loves us  
and freed us from our sins by his blood, and  
made us to be a kingdom, priests serving  
his God and Father, to him be glory and

dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Look! He  
is coming with the clouds; every eye will see  
him, even those who pierced him; and on his  
account all the tribes of the earth will wail.  
So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and  
the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and  
who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

**GOSPEL John 20:19-end**

*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." 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.



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