

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the
Church is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all
your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and
truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus
Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Genesis 18:1-10a

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on – since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

PSALM Psalm 15

R *Through the greatness of your
mercy, I will come into your house.*

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?
Who may rest upon your holy hill?
Whoever leads an uncorrupt life

and does the thing that is right;
Who speaks the truth from the heart
and bears no deceit on the tongue;
Who does no evil to a friend
and pours no scorn on a neighbour; **R**

In whose sight the wicked are not
esteemed,
but who honours those who fear the
Lord.

Whoever has sworn to a neighbour
and never goes back on that word;
Who does not lend money in hope of
gain,
nor takes a bribe against the innocent;
Whoever does these things
shall never fall. **R**

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:15-28

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

Christ is the image of the invisible
God, the firstborn of all creation; for
in him all things in heaven and on
earth were created, things visible and
invisible, whether thrones or dominions
or rulers or powers – all things have
been created through him and for him.
He himself is before all things, and
in him all things hold together. He is
the head of the body, the church; he
is the beginning, the firstborn from
the dead, so that he might come to
have first place in everything. For
in him all the fullness of God was
pleased to dwell, and through him
God was pleased to reconcile to
himself all things, whether on earth or
in heaven, by making peace through
the blood of his cross. And you who
were once estranged and hostile in
mind, doing evil deeds, he has now
reconciled in his fleshly body through
death, so as to present you holy and
blameless and irreproachable before
him – provided that you continue
securely established and steadfast in
the faith, without shifting from the
hope promised by the gospel that you
heard, which has been proclaimed to
every creature under heaven. I, Paul,
became a servant of this gospel. I am
now rejoicing in my sufferings for your
sake, and in my flesh I am completing
what is lacking in Christ's afflictions
for the sake of his body, that is, the

church. I became its servant according
to God's commission that was given
to me for you, to make the word of
God fully known, the mystery that
has been hidden throughout the ages
and generations but has now been
revealed to his saints. To them God
chose to make known how great
among the Gentiles are the riches
of the glory of this mystery, which is
Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he
whom we proclaim, warning everyone
and teaching everyone in all wisdom,
so that we may present everyone
mature in Christ.

GOSPEL Luke 10:38-end

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

Now as Jesus and his disciples went
on their way, he entered a certain
village, where a woman named Martha
welcomed him into her home. She had
a sister named Mary, who sat at the
Lord's feet and listened to what he was
saying. But Martha was distracted by
her many tasks; so she came to Jesus
and asked, "Lord, do you not care that
my sister has left me to do all the work
by myself? Tell her then to help me."
But the Lord answered her, "Martha,
Martha, you are worried and distracted
by many things; there is need of only
one thing. Mary has chosen the better
part, which will not be taken away from
her."

POST COMMUNION

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world may be so
peaceably ordered by your
governance,
that your Church may joyfully serve you
in all godly quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Through the great-ness of your mer-cy, I will come in-to your house.