

COLLECT

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your
name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in
the same;
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 Jeremiah 23:1-6

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy
and scatter the sheep of my pasture!
says the LORD. Therefore thus says the
LORD, the God of Israel, concerning
the shepherds who shepherd my
people: It is you who have scattered
my flock, and have driven them away,
and you have not attended to them.
So I will attend to you for your evil
doings, says the LORD. Then I myself
will gather the remnant of my flock
out of all the lands where I have
driven them, and I will bring them
back to their fold, and they shall
be fruitful and multiply. I will raise
up shepherds over them who will
shepherd them, and they shall not
fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor
shall any be missing, says the LORD.
The days are surely coming, says the
LORD, when I will raise up for David
a righteous Branch, and he shall reign
as king and deal wisely, and shall
execute justice and righteousness
in the land. In his days Judah will be
saved and Israel will live in safety.
And this is the name by which he
will be called: "The LORD is our
righteousness."

PSALM Psalm 23

R *I will dwell in the house of the Lord
for ever.*

The Lord is my shepherd;
therefore can I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green
pastures
and leads me beside still waters. **R**

He shall refresh my soul
and guide me in the paths of
righteousness for his name's sake.
Though I walk through the valley of
the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and
your staff, they comfort me. **R**

You spread a table before me in the
presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil
and my cup shall be full.
Surely goodness and loving mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the
Lord for ever. **R**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:11-end

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

Remember that at one time you
Gentiles by birth, called "the
uncircumcision" by those who are
called "the circumcision" – a physical
circumcision made in the flesh by
human hands – remember that you
were at that time without Christ,
being aliens from the commonwealth
of Israel, and strangers to the
covenants of promise, having no hope
and without God in the world. But
now in Christ Jesus you who once
were far off have been brought near
by the blood of Christ. For he is our
peace; in his flesh he has made both
groups into one and has broken down
the dividing wall, that is, the hostility
between us. He has abolished the
law with its commandments and
ordinances, that he might create in
himself one new humanity in place
of the two, thus making peace, and
might reconcile both groups to God
in one body through the cross, thus
putting to death that hostility through
it. So he came and proclaimed peace
to you who were far off and peace
to those who were near; for through
him both of us have access in one
Spirit to the Father. So then you are
no longer strangers and aliens, but
you are citizens with the saints and
also members of the household of
God, built upon the foundation of the
apostles and prophets, with Christ
Jesus himself as the cornerstone.

In him the whole structure is joined
together and grows into a holy
temple in the Lord; in whom you also
are built together spiritually into a
dwelling-place for God.

GOSPEL Mark 6:30-34. 53-end

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

The apostles returned from their
mission. They gathered around Jesus,
and told him all that they had done
and taught. He said to them, "Come
away to a deserted place all by
yourselves and rest a while." For
many were coming and going, and
they had no leisure even to eat. And
they went away in the boat to a
deserted place by themselves. Now
many saw them going and recognized
them, and they hurried there on
foot from all the towns and arrived
ahead of them. As he went ashore,
he saw a great crowd; and he had
compassion for them, because they
were like sheep without a shepherd;
and he began to teach them many
things. When they had crossed over,
they came to land at Gennesaret
and moored the boat. When they
got out of the boat, people at once
recognized him, and rushed about
that whole region and began to bring
the sick on mats to wherever they
heard he was. And wherever he went,
into villages or cities or farms, they
laid the sick in the market-places, and
begged him that they might touch
even the fringe of his cloak; and all
who touched it were healed.

POST COMMUNION

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine
and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world
may live:
may we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory and be made
perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now
and for ever.

