

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

*The reading from Acts must be read
 as either the First or Second Reading.*

Either Acts 10:44-end

*A reading from the Acts of the
 Apostles.*

While Peter was speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Or Isaiah 55:1-11

PSALM Psalm 98

R *The Lord has made known his
 salvation.*

Sing to the Lord a new song,
 for he has done marvellous things.
 His own right hand and his holy arm
 have won for him the victory.
 The Lord has made known his
 salvation;



his deliverance has he openly shown
 in the sight of the nations. **R**

He has remembered his mercy and
 faithfulness
 towards the house of Israel,
 and all the ends of the earth have
 seen the salvation of our God.
 Sound praises to the Lord, all the
 earth;
 break into singing and make music. **R**

Make music to the Lord with the lyre,
 with the lyre and the voice of
 melody.
 With trumpets and the sound of the
 horn
 sound praises before the Lord, the
 King. **R**

Let the sea thunder and all that fills it,
 the world and all that dwell upon it.
 Let the rivers clap their hands
 and let the hills ring out together
 before the Lord,
 for he comes to judge the earth.
 In righteousness shall he judge the
 world
 and the peoples with equity. **R**

SECOND READING

Either 1 John 5:1-6

A reading from the first letter of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus
 is the Christ has been born of
 God, and everyone who loves the
 parent loves the child. By this we
 know that we love the children
 of God, when we love God and
 obey his commandments. For
 the love of God is this, that we
 obey his commandments. And his
 commandments are not burdensome,
 for whatever is born of God conquers
 the world. And this is the victory that
 conquers the world, our faith. Who is
 it that conquers the world but the one
 who believes that Jesus is the Son of
 God? This is the one who came by
 water and blood, Jesus Christ, not
 with the water only but with the water

and the blood. And the Spirit is the
 one that testifies, for the Spirit is the
 truth.

Or Acts 10:44-end

GOSPEL John 15:9-17

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

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the
 Father has loved me, so I have loved
 you; abide in my love. If you keep my
 commandments, you will abide in my
 love, just as I have kept my Father's
 commandments and abide in his love.
 I have said these things to you so
 that my joy may be in you, and that
 your joy may be complete. This is my
 commandment, that you love one
 another as I have loved you. No one
 has greater love than this, to lay down
 one's life for one's friends. You are
 my friends if you do what I command
 you. I do not call you servants any
 longer, because the servant does not
 know what the master is doing; but
 I have called you friends, because I
 have made known to you everything
 that I have heard from my Father.
 You did not choose me but I chose
 you. And I appointed you to go and
 bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that
 the Father will give you whatever you
 ask him in my name. I am giving you
 these commands so that you may love
 one another."

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.