

### COLLECT

Almighty Father,  
who in your great mercy gladdened the  
disciples with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence  
with us,  
that we may be strengthened and  
sustained by his risen life  
and serve you continually in righteousness  
and truth;  
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 used as  
either the first or second reading.

#### Either Acts 2:14a. 36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing  
with the eleven, raised his voice and  
addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house  
of Israel know with certainty that God has  
made him both Lord and Messiah, this  
Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they  
heard this, they were cut to the heart and  
said to Peter and to the other apostles,  
"Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said  
to them, "Repent, and be baptised every  
one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so  
that your sins may be forgiven; and you will  
receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the  
promise is for you, for your children, and  
for all who are far away, everyone whom  
the Lord our God calls to him." And he  
testified with many other arguments and  
exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves  
from this corrupt generation." So those  
who welcomed his message were baptised,  
and that day about three thousand persons  
were added.

#### Or Zephaniah 3:14-end

**PSALM Psalm 116:1-3. 10-end**  
(or 116:1-7)



**R** Gracious is the Lord and righteous.

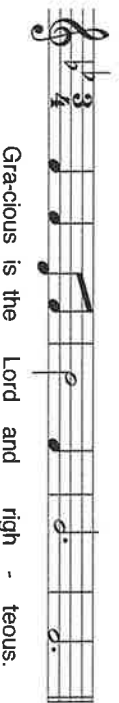
I love the Lord,  
for he has heard the voice of my  
supplication;

because he inclined his ear to me  
on the day I called to him.

The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pains of hell took hold of me;  
by grief and sorrow was I held. **R**

Then I called upon the name of the Lord:  
"O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul."

How shall I repay the Lord  
for all the benefits he has given to me? **R**



Gracious is the Lord and righteous.

I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful servants. **R**

O Lord, I am your servant,  
your servant, the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.

I will offer to you a sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name of the Lord. **R**

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people,  
in the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.  
Alleluia. **R**

### SECOND READING

#### Either 1 Peter 1:17-23

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

If you invoke as Father the one who judges  
all people impartially according to their  
deeds, live in reverent fear during the time  
of your exile. You know that you were  
ransomed from the futile ways inherited  
from your ancestors, not with perishable  
things like silver or gold, but with the  
precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb  
without defect or blemish. He was destined  
before the foundation of the world, but was  
revealed at the end of the ages for your  
sake. Through him you have come to trust  
in God, who raised him from the dead and  
gave him glory, so that your faith and hope  
are set on God. Now that you have purified  
your souls by your obedience to the truth  
so that you have genuine mutual love, love  
one another deeply from the heart. You  
have been born anew, not of perishable  
but of imperishable seed, through the  
living and enduring word of God.

#### Or Acts 2:14a. 36-41

#### GOSPEL Luke 24:13-35

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

On that same day, two of the disciples  
were going to a village called Emmaus,  
about seven miles from Jerusalem, and  
talking with each other about all these  
things that had happened. While they  
were talking and discussing, Jesus himself  
came near and went with them, but their  
eyes were kept from recognising him.  
And he said to them, "What are you  
discussing with each other while you  
walk along?" They stood still, looking  
sad. Then one of them, whose name was  
Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only

stranger in Jerusalem who does not know  
the things that have taken place there in  
these days?" Jesus asked them, "What  
things?" They replied, "The things about  
Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet  
mighty in deed and word before God  
and all the people, and how our chief  
priests and leaders handed him over to be  
condemned to death and crucified him.  
But we had hoped that he was the one to  
redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this,  
it is now the third day since these things  
took place. Moreover, some women of  
our group astounded us. They were at the  
tomb early this morning, and when they  
did not find his body there, they came back  
and told us that they had indeed seen a  
vision of angels who said that he was alive.  
Some of those who were with us went to  
the tomb and found it just as the women  
had said; but they did not see Jesus."

Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you  
are, and how slow of heart to believe  
all that the prophets have declared! Was  
it not necessary that the Messiah should  
suffer these things and then enter into his  
glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all  
the prophets, he interpreted to them the  
things about himself in all the scriptures. As  
they came near the village to which they  
were going, he walked ahead as if he were  
going on. But they urged him strongly,  
saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost  
evening and the day is now nearly over."  
So he went in to stay with them. When he  
was at the table with them, he took bread,  
blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.  
Then their eyes were opened, and they  
recognised Jesus; and he vanished from  
their sight. They said to each other, "Were  
not our hearts burning within us while he  
was talking to us on the road, while he  
was opening the scriptures to us?" That  
same hour they got up and returned to  
Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and  
their companions gathered together. They  
were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed,  
and he has appeared to Simoni!" Then they  
told what had happened on the road, and  
how he had been made known to them in  
the breaking of the bread.

### POST COMMUNION

Living God,  
your Son made himself known to his  
disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his redeeming  
work;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.