

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 (Alternative readings)
*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 (Alternative readings)

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.

