

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

Either **Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15; 2:23-24**
A reading from the book of Wisdom.

God did not make death, and he does not
delight in the death of the living. For he
created all things so that they might exist; the
generative forces of the world are wholesome,
and there is no destructive poison in them,
and the dominion of Hades is not on earth. For
righteousness is immortal. For God created
us for incorruption, and made us in the image
of his own eternity, but through the devil's
envy death entered the world, and those who
belong to his company experience it.

*The Canticle (Lamentations 3:23-33) may be
used in place of Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24 as
the First Reading.*

Or **2 Samuel 1:1. 17-end**

CANTICLE OR PSALM

Either **Lamentations 3:23-33**

R *The Lord is good to those who wait for him.*


The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness. **R**

"The LORD is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in him."
The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.
It is good that one should wait quietly for the
salvation of the LORD. **R**

It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth,
to sit alone in silence when the Lord has
imposed it,
to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet
be hope),
to give one's cheek to the smiter,
and be filled with insults. **R**

For the Lord will not reject for ever.
Although he causes grief,
he will have compassion according to the
abundance of his steadfast love;
for he does not willingly afflict or grieve
anyone. **R**

Or **Psalm 30**

R *You brought me up, O Lord, from the
dead.* 

I will exalt you, O Lord,
because you have raised me up

and have not let my foes triumph over me.
O Lord my God, I cried out to you
and you have healed me.
You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead;
you restored me to life from among those that
go down to the Pit. **R**

Sing to the Lord, you servants of his;
give thanks to his holy name.
For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye,
his favour for a lifetime.
Heaviness may endure for a night,
but joy comes in the morning. **R**

In my prosperity I said,
"I shall never be moved.
You, Lord, of your goodness,
have made my hill so strong."
Then you hid your face from me
and I was utterly dismayed.
To you, O Lord, I cried;
to the Lord I made my supplication: **R**

"What profit is there in my blood,
if I go down to the Pit?
Will the dust praise you or declare your
faithfulness?
"Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me;
O Lord, be my helper." **R**

You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and girded me
with gladness;
Therefore my heart sings to you without
ceasing;
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever. **R**

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 8:7-end

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the
Corinthians.

You excel in everything – in faith, in speech,
in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our
love for you – so we want you to excel also in
this generous undertaking. I do not say this as a
command, but I am testing the genuineness of
your love against the earnestness of others. For
you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus
Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your
sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty
you might become rich. And in this matter I
am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you
who began last year not only to do something
but even to desire to do something – now
finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be
matched by completing it according to your
means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift
is acceptable according to what one has – not
according to what one does not have. I do not
mean that there should be relief for others and
pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair
balance between your present abundance and
their need, so that their abundance may be for
your need, in order that there may be a fair
balance. As it is written, "The one who had
much did not have too much, and the one who
had little did not have too little."

GOSPEL Mark 5:21-end

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

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat
to the other side, a great crowd gathered
around him; and he was by the lake. Then
one of the leaders of the synagogue named
Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his
feet and begged him repeatedly, "My little
daughter is at the point of death. Come and
lay your hands on her, so that she may be
made well, and live." So he went with him.
And a large crowd followed him and pressed
in on him. Now there was a woman who had
been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve
years. She had endured much under many
physicians, and had spent all that she had; and
she was no better, but rather grew worse. She
had heard about Jesus, and came up behind
him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for
she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be
made well." Immediately her haemorrhage
stopped; and she felt in her body that she was
healed of her disease. Immediately aware that
power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned
about in the crowd and said, "Who touched
my clothes?" And his disciples said to him,
"You see the crowd pressing in on you; how
can you say, 'Who touched me?'" He looked
all around to see who had done it. But the
woman, knowing what had happened to her,
came in fear and trembling, fell down before
him, and told him the whole truth. He said to
her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well;
go in peace, and be healed of your disease."
While he was still speaking, some people came
from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter
is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?"
But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to
the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear,
only believe." He allowed no one to follow him
except Peter, James, and John, the brother of
James. When they came to the house of the
leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion,
people weeping and wailing loudly. When he
had entered, he said to them, "Why do you
make a commotion and weep? The child is not
dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him.
Then he put them all outside, and took the
child's father and mother and those who were
with him, and went in where the child was. He
took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha
cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And
immediately the girl got up and began to
walk about (she was twelve years of age). At
this they were overcome with amazement. He
strictly ordered them that no one should know
this, and told them to give her something
to eat.

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.



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