

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

(Alternative readings)

The reading from Acts must be used as
either the first or second reading.

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 baptized 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 baptized, 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**

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

(Alternative readings)

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** (as above)

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 recognizing 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
recognized 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 Simon!" 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.



Gra-cious is the Lord and righ - teous.