

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given us your servants grace,
by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal
Trinity
and in the power of the divine majesty to
worship the Unity:
keep us steadfast in this faith,
that we may evermore be defended from
all adversities;
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 Isaiah 6:1-8

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw
the Lord sitting on a throne, high and
lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the
temple. Seraphs were in attendance
above him; each had six wings: with two
they covered their faces, and with two
they covered their feet, and with two
they flew. And one called to another and
said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of
hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."
The pivots on the thresholds shook at
the voices of those who called, and the
house filled with smoke. And I said:
"Woe is me! I am lost; for I am a man of
unclean lips, and I live among a people
of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen
the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one
of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live
coal that had been taken from the altar
with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched
my mouth with it and said: "Now that
this has touched your lips, your guilt
has departed and your sin is blotted
out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord
saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will
go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send
me!"

PSALM Psalm 29

R *The Lord shall give his people
the blessing of peace.*

or

R *In God's temple all cry "Glory!"*

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to his
name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of
holiness. **R**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a voice of
splendour. **R**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar
trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild
ox. **R**

The voice of the Lord splits the flames
of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the
wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
The voice of the Lord makes the oak
trees writhe
and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the Lord
all are crying, "Glory!"
The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for
evermore.
The Lord shall give strength to his
people;
the Lord shall give his people the
blessing of peace. **R**

SECOND READING Romans 8:12-17

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not
to the flesh, to live according to the flesh
– for if you live according to the flesh,
you will die; but if by the Spirit you put
to death the deeds of the body, you will
live. For all who are led by the Spirit of
God are children of God. For you did not
receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into
fear, but you have received a spirit of
adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!"
it is that very Spirit bearing witness with
our spirit that we are children of God,
and if children, then heirs, heirs of God
and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we
suffer with him so that we may also be
glorified with him.

GOSPEL John 3:1-17

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus,
a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus
by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we
know that you are a teacher who has

come from God; for no one can do
these signs that you do apart from the
presence of God." Jesus answered him,
"Very truly, I tell you, no one can see
the kingdom of God without being born
from above." Nicodemus said to him,
"How can anyone be born after having
grown old? Can one enter a second time
into the mother's womb and be born?"
Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you,
no one can enter the kingdom of God
without being born of water and Spirit.
What is born of the flesh is flesh, and
what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not
be astonished that I said to you, 'You
must be born from above.' The wind
blows where it chooses, and you hear the
sound of it, but you do not know where
it comes from or where it goes. So it is
with everyone who is born of the Spirit."
Nicodemus said to him, "How can these
things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are
you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do
not understand these things? Very truly, I
tell you, we speak of what we know and
testify to what we have seen; yet you
do not receive our testimony. If I have
told you about earthly things and you do
not believe, how can you believe if I tell
you about heavenly things? No one has
ascended into heaven except the one
who descended from heaven, the Son
of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the
serpent in the wilderness, so must the
Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever
believes in him may have eternal life. For
God so loved the world that he gave his
only Son, so that everyone who believes
in him may not perish but may have
eternal life. Indeed, God did not send
the Son into the world to condemn the
world, but in order that the world might
be saved through him."

POST COMMUNION

Almighty and eternal God,
you have revealed yourself as Father,
Son and Holy Spirit,
and live and reign in the perfect unity of
love:
hold us firm in this faith,
that we may know you in all your ways
and evermore rejoice in your eternal
glory,
who are three Persons yet one God,
now and for ever.