

COLLECT

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong,
nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your
mercy;
that with you as our ruler and guide
we may so pass through things
temporal
that we lose not our hold on things
eternal;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses spoke to the people, saying,
The LORD your God will make you
abundantly prosperous in all your
undertakings, in the fruit of your body,
in the fruit of your livestock, and in
the fruit of your soil. For the LORD
will again take delight in prospering
you, just as he delighted in prospering
your ancestors, when you obey the
LORD your God by observing his
commandments and decrees that are
written in this book of the law, because
you turn to the LORD your God with
all your heart and with all your soul.
Surely, this commandment that I am
commanding you today is not too hard
for you, nor is it too far away. It is not
in heaven, that you should say, "Who
will go up to heaven for us, and get
it for us so that we may hear it and
observe it?" Neither is it beyond the
sea, that you should say, "Who will
cross to the other side of the sea for us,
and get it for us so that we may hear it
and observe it?" No, the word is very
near to you; it is in your mouth and in
your heart for you to observe.

Or **Amos 7:7-end**

PSALM Psalm 25:1-10

R Show me your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
Let none who look to you be put to
shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed in
their schemes. **R**

Show me your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long. **R**

Remember, O Lord, your compassion
and love,
for they are from everlasting.
Remember not the sins of my youth
and my transgressions;
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness,
O Lord. **R**

Gracious and upright is the Lord;
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
He guides the humble in doing right
and teaches his way to the lowly. **R**

All the paths of the Lord are love and
faithfulness
to those who keep his covenant and his
testimonies.
For your name's sake, O Lord, forgive
my sin, for it is great. **R**

SECOND READING Colossians 1:1-14

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the
will of God, and Timothy our brother,
To the saints and faithful brothers and
sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to
you and peace from God our Father.
In our prayers for you we always thank
God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
for we have heard of your faith in Christ
Jesus and of the love that you have for
all the saints, because of the hope laid
up for you in heaven. You have heard
of this hope before in the word of the
truth, the gospel that has come to you.
Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in
the whole world, so it has been bearing
fruit among yourselves from the day you
heard it and truly comprehended the
grace of God. This you learned from
Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant.
He is a faithful minister of Christ on
your behalf, and he has made known
to us your love in the Spirit. For this
reason, since the day we heard it, we
have not ceased praying for you and
asking that you may be filled with the
knowledge of God's will in all spiritual
wisdom and understanding, so that you
may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully
pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in
every good work and as you grow in the
knowledge of God. May you be made
strong with all the strength that comes
from his glorious power, and may you
be prepared to endure everything with
patience, while joyfully giving thanks

to the Father, who has enabled you to
share in the inheritance of the saints in
the light. He has rescued us from the
power of darkness and transferred us
into the kingdom of his beloved Son,
in whom we have redemption, the
forgiveness of sins.

GOSPEL Luke 10:25-37

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

A lawyer stood up to test Jesus.
"Teacher," he said, "what must I do
to inherit eternal life?" He said to him,
"What is written in the law? What do
you read there?" He answered, "You
shall love the Lord your God with all
your heart, and with all your soul, and
with all your strength, and with all your
mind; and your neighbour as yourself."
And he said to him, "You have given the
right answer; do this, and you will live."
But wanting to justify himself, he asked
Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?"
Jesus replied, "A man was going down
from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into
the hands of robbers, who stripped him,
beat him, and went away, leaving him
half dead. Now by chance a priest was
going down that road; and when he saw
him, he passed by on the other side.
So likewise a Levite, when he came to
the place and saw him, passed by on
the other side. But a Samaritan while
travelling came near him; and when he
saw him, he was moved with pity. He
went to him and bandaged his wounds,
having poured oil and wine on them.
Then he put him on his own animal,
brought him to an inn, and took care
of him. The next day he took out two
denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and
said, 'Take care of him; and when I come
back, I will repay you whatever more you
spend.' Which of these three, do you
think, was a neighbour to the man who
fell into the hands of the robbers?" He
said, "The one who showed him mercy."
Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

POST COMMUNION

Eternal God,
comfort of the afflicted and healer of
the broken,
you have fed us at the table of life and
hope:
teach us the ways of gentleness and
peace,
that all the world may acknowledge
the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ
our Lord.