

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 Acts 3:12-19

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You
Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you
stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had
made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of
Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors
has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over
and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had
decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and
Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to
you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised
from the dead. To this we are witnesses.
And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this
man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that
is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the
presence of all of you. "And now, friends, I know that
you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this
way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the
prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent
therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be
wiped out,

SECOND READING 1 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should
be called children of God; and that is what we are. The
reason the world does not know us is that it did not
know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what
we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know
is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we
will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him
purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who
commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.
You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in
him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no
one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little
children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does
what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

GOSPEL Luke 24:36-48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood
among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."
They were startled and terrified, and thought that they
were seeing a ghost.
He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do
doubts arise in your hearts?
Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself.
Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and
bones as you see that I have."
And when he had said this, he showed them his hands
and his feet.
While in their joy they were disbelieving and still
wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to
eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took
it and ate in their presence.
Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke
to you while I was still with you--that everything written
about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the
psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds
to understand the scriptures, and he said to them,
"Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to
rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance
and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name
to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.
You are witnesses of these things..

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.