

### COLLECT

God, who as at this time  
taught the hearts of your faithful people  
by sending to them the light of your Holy  
Spirit:

grant us by the same Spirit  
to have a right judgement in all things  
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;  
through the merits of Christ Jesus our  
Saviour,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### FIRST READING

*The reading from Acts must be read as either  
the First or Second Reading.*

#### Either Acts 2:1-21

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

When the day of Pentecost had come, they  
were all together in one place. And suddenly  
from heaven there came a sound like the rush  
of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house  
where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as  
of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue  
rested on each of them. All of them were  
filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak  
in other languages, as the Spirit gave them  
ability. Now there were devout Jews from  
every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.  
And at this sound the crowd gathered and was  
bewildered, because each one heard them  
speaking in their native language. Amazed and  
astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who  
are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we  
hear, each of us, in our own native language?  
Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of  
Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus  
and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the  
parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors  
from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans  
and Arabs – in our own languages we hear  
them speaking about God's deeds of power."  
All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one  
another, "What does this mean?" But others  
sneered and said, "They are filled with new  
wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven,  
raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of  
Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be  
known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed,  
these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is  
only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is  
what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In  
the last days it will be, God declares, that I will  
pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons  
and your daughters shall prophesy, and your  
young men shall see visions, and your old men  
shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both  
men and women, in those days I will pour out  
my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will  
show portents in the heaven above and signs

on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky  
mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and  
the moon to blood, before the coming of the  
Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone  
who calls on the name of the Lord shall be  
saved.'"

#### Or Ezekiel 37:1-14

#### PSALM Psalm 104:26-36. 37b

**R** *I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.*

O Lord, how manifold are your works!  
In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.  
There is the sea, spread far and wide,  
and there move creatures beyond number,  
both small and great. **R**

There go the ships, and there is that  
Leviathan  
which you have made to play in the deep.  
All of these look to you  
to give them their food in due season. **R**

When you give it them, they gather it;  
you open your hand and they are filled with  
good.  
When you hide your face they are troubled;  
when you take away their breath,  
they die and return again to the dust.  
When you send forth your spirit, they are  
created,  
and you renew the face of the earth. **R**

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;  
may the Lord rejoice in his works;  
He looks on the earth and it trembles;  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.  
I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;  
I will make music to my God while I have my  
being. **R**

So shall my song please him  
while I rejoice in the Lord.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul.  
Alleluia. **R**

#### Or Psalm 104:26-end

### SECOND READING

#### Either Romans 8:22-27

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the  
Romans.*

We know that the whole creation has been  
groaning in labour pains until now; and not  
only the creation, but we ourselves, who have  
the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly  
while we wait for adoption, the redemption of  
our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now  
hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes  
for what is seen? But if we hope for what  
we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness;  
for we do not know how to pray as we ought,  
but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too  
deep for words. And God, who searches the  
heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit,  
because the Spirit intercedes for the saints  
according to the will of God.

#### Or Acts 2:1-21

#### GOSPEL John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

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

Jesus spoke to his disciples: "When the  
Advocate comes, whom I will send to you  
from the Father, the Spirit of truth who  
comes from the Father, he will testify on my  
behalf. You also are to testify because you  
have been with me from the beginning. I  
have said these things to you so that when  
their hour comes you may remember that  
I told you about them. I did not say these  
things to you from the beginning, because I  
was with you. But now I am going to him who  
sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where  
are you going?' But because I have said these  
things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts.  
Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your  
advantage that I go away, for if I do not go  
away, the Advocate will not come to you; but  
if I go, I will send him to you. And when he  
comes, he will prove the world wrong about  
sin and righteousness and judgement: about  
sin, because they do not believe in me; about  
righteousness, because I am going to the  
Father and you will see me no longer; about  
judgement, because the ruler of this world  
has been condemned. I still have many things  
to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.  
When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide  
you into all the truth; for he will not speak on  
his own, but will speak whatever he hears,  
and he will declare to you the things that are  
to come. He will glorify me, because he will  
take what is mine and declare it to you. All  
that the Father has is mine. For this reason I  
said that he will take what is mine and declare  
it to you."

### POST COMMUNION

Faithful God,  
who fulfilled the promises of Easter  
by sending us your Holy Spirit  
and opening to every race and nation  
the way of life eternal:  
open our lips by your Spirit,  
that every tongue may tell of your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

