

## COLLECT

God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us from the power  
of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of  
your Son:  
grant, that as by his death he has  
recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us he  
may raise us to eternal joy;  
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

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

### Either Acts 10:44-end

*A reading from the Acts of the  
Apostles.*

While Peter was speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

### Or Isaiah 55:1-11

## PSALM Psalm 98

**R** *The Lord has made known his  
salvation.*

Sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvellous things.  
His own right hand and his holy arm  
have won for him the victory.  
The Lord has made known his  
salvation;

his deliverance has he openly shown  
in the sight of the nations. **R**

He has remembered his mercy and  
faithfulness  
towards the house of Israel,  
and all the ends of the earth have  
seen the salvation of our God.  
Sound praises to the Lord, all the  
earth;  
break into singing and make music. **R**

Make music to the Lord with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the voice of  
melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the  
horn  
sound praises before the Lord, the  
King. **R**

Let the sea thunder and all that fills it,  
the world and all that dwell upon it.  
Let the rivers clap their hands  
and let the hills ring out together  
before the Lord,  
for he comes to judge the earth.  
In righteousness shall he judge the  
world  
and the peoples with equity. **R**

## SECOND READING

### Either 1 John 5:1-6

*A reading from the first letter of John.*

Everyone who believes that Jesus  
is the Christ has been born of  
God, and everyone who loves the  
parent loves the child. By this we  
know that we love the children  
of God, when we love God and  
obey his commandments. For  
the love of God is this, that we  
obey his commandments. And his  
commandments are not burdensome,  
for whatever is born of God conquers  
the world. And this is the victory that  
conquers the world, our faith. Who is  
it that conquers the world but the one  
who believes that Jesus is the Son of  
God? This is the one who came by  
water and blood, Jesus Christ, not  
with the water only but with the water

and the blood. And the Spirit is the  
one that testifies, for the Spirit is the  
truth.

### Or Acts 10:44-end

## GOSPEL John 15:9-17

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

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the  
Father has loved me, so I have loved  
you; abide in my love. If you keep my  
commandments, you will abide in my  
love, just as I have kept my Father's  
commandments and abide in his love.  
I have said these things to you so  
that my joy may be in you, and that  
your joy may be complete. This is my  
commandment, that you love one  
another as I have loved you. No one  
has greater love than this, to lay down  
one's life for one's friends. You are  
my friends if you do what I command  
you. I do not call you servants any  
longer, because the servant does not  
know what the master is doing; but  
I have called you friends, because I  
have made known to you everything  
that I have heard from my Father.  
You did not choose me but I chose  
you. And I appointed you to go and  
bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that  
the Father will give you whatever you  
ask him in my name. I am giving you  
these commands so that you may love  
one another."

## POST COMMUNION

God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the  
water of eternal life:  
may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of  
goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns,  
now and for ever.

