

COLLECT

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord,
to your faithful people pardon and
peace,
that they may be cleansed from all their
sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
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

Either **Isaiah 53:4-end**

*A reading from the book of the prophet
Isaiah.*

Surely he has borne our infirmities and
carried our diseases; yet we accounted
him stricken, struck down by God,
and afflicted. But he was wounded
for our transgressions, crushed for our
iniquities; upon him was the punishment
that made us whole, and by his bruises
we are healed. All we like sheep have
gone astray; we have all turned to
our own way, and the LORD has laid
on him the iniquity of us all. He was
oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet
he did not open his mouth; like a lamb
that is led to the slaughter, and like a
sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth. By a
perversion of justice he was taken away.
Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the
living, stricken for the transgression of
my people. They made his grave with
the wicked and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence, and
there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet
it was the will of the LORD to crush
him with pain. When you make his
life an offering for sin, he shall see his
offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the LORD shall
prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see
light; he shall find satisfaction through
his knowledge. The righteous one, my
servant, shall make many righteous, and
he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore
I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the
strong; because he poured out himself
to death, and was numbered with the
transgressors; yet he bore the sin of
many, and made intercession for the
transgressors.

Or **Job 38:1-7 [34-end]**

PSALM Psalm 91:9-end

R *Keep me as the apple of your eye.*

Because you have made the Lord your
refuge
and the Most High your stronghold,
There shall no evil happen to you,
neither shall any plague come near your
tent.
For he shall give his angels charge over
you,
to keep you in all your ways. **R**

They shall bear you in their hands,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.
You shall tread upon the lion and adder;
the young lion and the serpent you shall
trample underfoot.
Because they have set their love upon
me,
therefore will I deliver them;
I will lift them up, because they know
my name. **R**

They will call upon me and I will answer
them;
I am with them in trouble,
I will deliver them and bring them to
honour.
With long life will I satisfy them
and show them my salvation. **R**

SECOND READING Hebrews 5:1-10

*A reading from the letter to the
Hebrews.*

Every high priest chosen from among
mortals is put in charge of things
pertaining to God on their behalf, to
offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is
able to deal gently with the ignorant
and wayward, since he himself is subject
to weakness; and because of this he
must offer sacrifice for his own sins as
well as for those of the people. And
one does not presume to take this
honour, but takes it only when called by
God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ
did not glorify himself in becoming
a high priest, but was appointed by
the one who said to him, "You are my
Son, today I have begotten you"; as
he says also in another place, "You
are a priest for ever, according to the
order of Melchizedek." In the days of
his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and
supplications, with loud cries and tears,
to the one who was able to save him
from death, and he was heard because

of his reverent submission. Although
he was a Son, he learned obedience
through what he suffered; and having
been made perfect, he became the
source of eternal salvation for all who
obey him, having been designated
by God a high priest according to the
order of Melchizedek.

GOSPEL Mark 10:35-45

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

James and John, the sons of Zebedee,
came forward to Jesus and said to him,
"Teacher, we want you to do for us
whatever we ask of you." And he said to
them, "What is it you want me to do for
you?" And they said to him, "Grant us
to sit, one at your right hand and one at
your left, in your glory." But Jesus said
to them, "You do not know what you
are asking. Are you able to drink the
cup that I drink, or be baptised with the
baptism that I am baptised with?" They
replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said
to them, "The cup that I drink you will
drink; and with the baptism with which I
am baptised, you will be baptised; but
to sit at my right hand or at my left is
not mine to grant, but it is for those for
whom it has been prepared." When the
ten heard this, they began to be angry
with James and John. So Jesus called
them and said to them, "You know that
among the Gentiles those whom they
recognise as their rulers lord it over
them, and their great ones are tyrants
over them. But it is not so among you;
but whoever wishes to become great
among you must be your servant, and
whoever wishes to be first among you
must be slave of all. For the Son of Man
came not to be served but to serve, and
to give his life a ransom for many."

POST COMMUNION

Father of light,
in whom is no change or shadow of
turning,
you give us every good and perfect gift
and have brought us to birth by your
word of truth:
may we be a living sign of that kingdom
where your whole creation will be made
perfect in Jesus Christ our Lord.

