

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

The reading from Acts must be used as either the first or second reading.

Either Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
Saul, still breathing threats and murder
against the disciples of the Lord, went to the
high priest and asked him for letters to the
synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found
any who belonged to the Way, men or women,
he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.
Now as he was going along and approaching
Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven
flashed around him. He fell to the ground
and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul,
why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who
are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus,
whom you are persecuting. But get up and
enter the city, and you will be told what you
are to do." [The men who were travelling with
him stood speechless because they heard the
voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the
ground, and though his eyes were open, he
could see nothing; so they led him by the hand
and brought him into Damascus. For three
days he was without sight, and neither ate nor
drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus
named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a
vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am,
Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go
to the street called Straight, and at the house
of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul.
At this moment he is praying, and he has seen
in a vision a man named Ananias come in and
lay his hands on him so that he might regain
his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have
heard from many about this man, how much
evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem;
and here he has authority from the chief priests
to bind all who invoke your name." But the
Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument
whom I have chosen to bring my name before
Gentiles and kings and before the people
of Israel; I myself will show him how much
he must suffer for the sake of my name." So
Ananias went and entered the house. He laid
his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the
Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way
here, has sent me so that you may regain your
sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And
immediately something like scales fell from his
eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got
up and was baptised, and after taking some
food, he regained his strength. For several days

he was with the disciples in Damascus, and
immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the
synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God.")

Or **Zephaniah 3:14-end**

PSALM Psalm 30

R *I will exalt you, O Lord,
because you have lifted me up.*

or

R *You have made me, Lord, as strong as the
mountains.*

I will exalt you, O Lord,
because you have lifted me up
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
O Lord my God, I cried out to you,
and you restored me to health.
You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down to the
grave. **R**

Sing to the Lord, you servants of his;
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.
For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye,
his favour for a lifetime.
Weeping may spend the night,
but joy comes in the morning. **R**

While I felt secure, I said,
"I shall never be disturbed."
You, Lord, with your favour
made me as strong as the mountains."
Then you hid your face,
and I was filled with fear. **R**

I cried to you, O Lord;
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,
"What profit is there in my blood,
if I go down to the Pit?
will the dust praise you or declare your
faithfulness?
Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me;
O Lord, be my helper." **R**
You have turned my wailing into dancing;
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me
with joy;
Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever. **R**

SECOND READING Revelation 5:11-end

A reading from the book of Revelation.

I, John, looked, and I heard the voice of many
angels surrounding the throne and the living
creatures and the elders; they numbered
myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,
singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that
was slaughtered to receive power and wealth
and wisdom and might and honour and glory
and blessing!" Then I heard every creature in
heaven and on earth and under the earth and
in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To
the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honour and glory and might
for ever and ever!" And the four living creatures
said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and
worshipped.

Or **Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]**

GOSPEL John 21:1-19

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

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by
the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in
this way. Gathered there together were Simon
Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of
Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two
others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them,
"I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will
go with you." They went out and got into the
boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just
after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the
disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus
said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have
you?" They answered him, "No." He said to
them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat,
and you will find some." So they cast it, and now
they were not able to haul it in because there
were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus
loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon
Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some
clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the
lake. But the other disciples came in the boat,
dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far
from the land, only about a hundred yards off.
When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal
fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said
to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have
just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and
hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred
and fifty-three of them; and though there were
so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to
them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of
the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?"
because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came
and took the bread and gave it to them, and did
the same with the fish. This was now the third
time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he
was raised from the dead. When they had finished
breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son
of John, do you love me more than these?" He
said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you."
Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second
time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you
love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know
that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my
sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon
son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt
because he said to him the third time, "Do you
love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know
everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said
to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you,
when you were younger, you used to fasten your
own belt and go wherever you wished. But when
you grow old, you will stretch out your hands,
and someone else will fasten a belt around you
and take you where you do not wish to go." He
said this to indicate the kind of death by which
he would glorify God. After this he said to him,
"Follow me."

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.