

Collect

Almighty God who called your church to bear witness that you were in Christ
 Reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
 through him who was lifted up on the cross and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Psalm 30

Refrain: You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead

¹ I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up,
 and did not let my foes rejoice over me.
² O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
 and you have healed me.
³ O LORD, you brought up my soul from the dead,
 restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.
⁴ Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones,
 and give thanks to his holy name.
⁵ For his anger is but for a moment;
 his favour is for a lifetime.
 Weeping may linger for the night,
 but joy comes with the morning. **R**
⁶ As for me, I said in my prosperity,
 'I shall never be moved.'
⁷ By your favour, O LORD,
 you had established me as a strong mountain;
 you hid your face;
 I was dismayed.
⁸ To you, O LORD, I cried,
 and to the LORD I made supplication:
⁹ 'What profit is there in my death,
 if I go down to the Pit?
 Will the dust praise you?
 Will it tell of your faithfulness?
¹⁰ Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!
 O Lord, be my helper!' **R**
¹¹ You have turned my mourning into dancing;
 you have taken off my sackcloth
 and clothed me with joy,
¹² so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.

O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you for ever.

First Reading

Isaiah 66.10-14

A reading from the book of Isaiah

¹⁰ Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,
 all you who love her;
 rejoice with her in joy,
 all you who mourn over her—
¹¹ that you may nurse and be satisfied
 from her consoling breast;
 that you may drink deeply with delight
 from her glorious bosom.
¹² For thus says the Lord:
 I will extend prosperity to her like a river,
 and the wealth of the nations like an
 overflowing stream;
 and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm,
 and dandled on her knees.
¹³ As a mother comforts her child,
 so I will comfort you;
 you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.
¹⁴ You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;
 your bodies shall flourish like the grass;
 and it shall be known that the hand of
 the LORD is with his servants,
 and his indignation is against his enemies.

Second Reading

Galatians 6.1-10

A reading from the letter to the Galatians

6 My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted.² Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ.³ For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves.⁴ All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbour's work, will become a cause for pride.
⁵ For all must carry their own loads.
⁶ Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.
⁷ Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow.⁸ If you sow to your own

flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹ So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

Gospel

Luke 10:1-11

A reading from the Gospel of Luke

10 After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ² He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. ³ Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" ⁶ And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸ Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹ cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."^(b) ¹⁰ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹ "Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near."