

## 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

(Alternative readings)

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

### Acts 2:14a. 36-41

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing  
with the eleven, raised his voice and  
addressed the crowd, "Let the entire  
house of Israel know with certainty that  
God has made him both Lord and Messiah,  
this Jesus whom you crucified." Now  
when they heard this, they were cut to  
the heart and said to Peter and to the  
other apostles, "Brothers, what should we  
do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and  
be baptized every one of you in the name  
of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be  
forgiven; and you will receive the gift of  
the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you,  
for your children, and for all who are far  
away, everyone whom the Lord our God  
calls to him." And he testified with many  
other arguments and exhorted them,  
saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt  
generation." So those who welcomed  
his message were baptized, and that day  
about three thousand persons were added.

Or **Zephaniah 3:14-end**

## PSALM Psalm 116:1-3. 10-end (or 116:1-7)

**R** *Gracious is the Lord and righteous.*

I love the Lord,  
for he has heard the voice of my  
supplication;  
because he inclined his ear to me  
on the day I called to him.  
The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pains of hell took hold of me;  
by grief and sorrow was I held. **R**

Then I called upon the name of the Lord:  
"O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul."  
How shall I repay the Lord  
for all the benefits he has given to me? **R**

I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call upon the name of the Lord.  
I will fulfil my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people.  
Precious in the sight of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful servants. **R**

O Lord, I am your servant,  
your servant, the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.  
I will offer to you a sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name of the Lord. **R**

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people,  
In the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.  
Alleluia. **R**

## SECOND READING

(Alternative readings)

**Either 1 Peter 1:17-23**

*A reading from the first letter of Peter.*

If you invoke as Father the one who judges  
all people impartially according to their  
deeds, live in reverent fear during the  
time of your exile. You know that you were  
ransomed from the futile ways inherited  
from your ancestors, not with perishable  
things like silver or gold, but with the  
precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb  
without defect or blemish. He was destined  
before the foundation of the world, but  
was revealed at the end of the ages for  
your sake. Through him you have come  
to trust in God, who raised him from the  
dead and gave him glory, so that your faith  
and hope are set on God. Now that you  
have purified your souls by your obedience  
to the truth so that you have genuine  
mutual love, love one another deeply from  
the heart. You have been born anew, not  
of perishable but of imperishable seed,  
through the living and enduring word of  
God.

Or **Acts 2:14a. 36-41** (as above)

## GOSPEL Luke 24:13-35

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

On that same day, two of the disciples  
were going to a village called Emmaus,  
about seven miles from Jerusalem, and  
talking with each other about all these  
things that had happened. While they  
were talking and discussing, Jesus himself  
came near and went with them, but their  
eyes were kept from recognizing him.  
And he said to them, "What are you  
discussing with each other while you walk  
along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then  
one of them, whose name was Cleopas,  
answered him, "Are you the only stranger

in Jerusalem who does not know the  
things that have taken place there in these  
days?" Jesus asked them, "What things?"  
They replied, "The things about Jesus of  
Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in  
deed and word before God and all the  
people, and how our chief priests and  
leaders handed him over to be condemned  
to death and crucified him. But we had  
hoped that he was the one to redeem  
Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now  
the third day since these things took place.  
Moreover, some women of our group  
astounded us. They were at the tomb early  
this morning, and when they did not find  
his body there, they came back and told  
us that they had indeed seen a vision of  
angels who said that he was alive. Some  
of those who were with us went to the  
tomb and found it just as the women had  
said; but they did not see Jesus." Then  
he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you  
are, and how slow of heart to believe all  
that the prophets have declared! Was it  
not necessary that the Messiah should  
suffer these things and then enter into his  
glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all  
the prophets, he interpreted to them the  
things about himself in all the scriptures. As  
they came near the village to which they  
were going, he walked ahead as if he were  
going on. But they urged him strongly,  
saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost  
evening and the day is now nearly over."  
So he went in to stay with them. When he  
was at the table with them, he took bread,  
blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.  
Then their eyes were opened, and they  
recognized Jesus; and he vanished from  
their sight. They said to each other, "Were  
not our hearts burning within us while he  
was talking to us on the road, while he  
was opening the scriptures to us?" That  
same hour they got up and returned to  
Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and  
their companions gathered together. They  
were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed,  
and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they  
told what had happened on the road, and  
how he had been made known to them in  
the breaking of the bread.

## 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.



Gra-cious is the Lord and righ - teous.