

COLLECT

Almighty God,
 who sent your Holy Spirit
 to be the life and light of your Church:
 open our hearts to the riches of your
 grace,
 that we may bring forth the fruit of the
 Spirit
 in love and joy and peace;
 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 1 Kings 19:9-18

A reading from the first book of Kings.
 When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain
 of God, he came to a cave, and spent
 the night there. Then the word of the
 LORD came to him, saying, "What are
 you doing here, Elijah?" He answered,
 "I have been very zealous for the LORD,
 the God of hosts; for the Israelites have
 forsaken your covenant, thrown down
 your altars, and killed your prophets
 with the sword. I alone am left, and they
 are seeking my life, to take it away." He
 said, "Go out and stand on the mountain
 before the LORD, for the LORD is about
 to pass by." Now there was a great wind,
 so strong that it was splitting mountains
 and breaking rocks in pieces before the
 LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind;
 and after the wind an earthquake, but
 the LORD was not in the earthquake;
 and after the earthquake a fire, but the
 LORD was not in the fire; and after the
 fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah
 heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle
 and went out and stood at the entrance
 of the cave. Then there came a voice
 to him that said, "What are you doing
 here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been
 very zealous for the LORD, the God of
 hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken
 your covenant, thrown down your altars,
 and killed your prophets with the sword.
 I alone am left, and they are seeking my
 life, to take it away." Then the LORD said
 to him, "Go, return on your way to the
 wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive,
 you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.
 Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi
 as king over Israel; and you shall anoint
 Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as
 prophet in your place. Whoever escapes
 from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill;

and whoever escapes from the sword of
 Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven
 thousand in Israel, all the knees that have
 not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that
 has not kissed him."

PSALM Psalm 85:8-13

R Show us your mercy, O Lord.

I will listen to what the Lord God will say,
 for he shall speak peace to his people and
 to the faithful, that they turn not again
 to folly.

Truly, his salvation is near to those who
 fear him,
 that his glory may dwell in our land. **R**

Mercy and truth are met together,
 righteousness and peace have kissed each
 other;

Truth shall spring up from the earth
 and righteousness look down from
 heaven. **R**

The Lord will indeed give all that is good,
 and our land will yield its increase.
 Righteousness shall go before him
 and direct his steps in the way. **R**

SECOND READING

Romans 10:5-15

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the
 Romans.*

Moses writes concerning the
 righteousness that comes from the law,
 that "the person who does these things
 will live by them." But the righteousness
 that comes from faith says, "Do not
 say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into
 heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down)
 "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'"
 (that is, to bring Christ up from the
 dead). But what does it say? "The word
 is near you, on your lips and in your
 heart" (that is, the word of faith that we
 proclaim); because if you confess with
 your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in
 your heart that God raised him from the
 dead, you will be saved. For one believes
 with the heart and so is justified, and
 one confesses with the mouth and so is
 saved. The scripture says, "No one who
 believes in him will be put to shame." For
 there is no distinction between Jew and
 Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and
 is generous to all who call on him. For,
 "Everyone who calls on the name of the
 Lord shall be saved." But how are they
 to call on one in whom they have not

believed? And how are they to believe in
 one of whom they have never heard? And
 how are they to hear without someone
 to proclaim him? And how are they to
 proclaim him unless they are sent? As it
 is written, "How beautiful are the feet of
 those who bring good news!"

GOSPEL Matthew 14:22-33

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

Immediately after feeding the crowd
 with the five loaves and two fish, Jesus
 made the disciples get into the boat and
 go on ahead to the other side, while
 he dismissed the crowds. And after he
 had dismissed the crowds, he went up
 the mountain by himself to pray. When
 evening came, he was there alone, but by
 this time the boat, battered by the waves,
 was far from the land, for the wind was
 against them. And early in the morning he
 came walking towards them on the lake.
 But when the disciples saw him walking
 on the lake, they were terrified, saying,
 "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.
 But immediately Jesus spoke to them
 and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be
 afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it
 is you, command me to come to you on
 the water." He said, "Come." So Peter
 got out of the boat, started walking on
 the water, and came towards Jesus. But
 when he noticed the strong wind, he
 became frightened, and beginning to
 sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus
 immediately reached out his hand and
 caught him, saying to him, "You of little
 faith, why did you doubt?" When they got
 into the boat, the wind ceased. And those
 in the boat worshipped him, saying, "Truly
 you are the Son of God."

POST COMMUNION

Holy Father,
 who gathered us here around the table of
 your Son
 to share this meal with the whole
 household of God:
 in that new world where you reveal the
 fullness of your peace,
 gather people of every race and language
 to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus
 Christ our Lord.



Show us your mer-cy, O Lord.