

COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and
miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your
heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
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 Isaiah 9:1-4

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

PSALM Psalm 27:1. 4-12

R *The Lord is my light and my salvation;
[whom then shall I fear?]*

The Lord is my light and my salvation;

whom then shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid? **R**

One thing have I asked of the Lord;
one thing I seek;

that I may dwell in the house of the Lord

all the days of my life;

to behold the fair beauty of the Lord
and to seek him in his temple. **R**

For in the day of trouble

he shall keep me safe in his shelter;

he shall hide me in the secrecy of
his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock. **R**

Even now he lifts up my head
above my enemies round about me;
Therefore I will offer in his dwelling
an oblation
with sounds of great gladness;
I will sing and make music to the
Lord. **R**

Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when
I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.
You speak in my heart and say,
"Seek my face."

Your face, Lord, will I seek. **R**

Hide not your face from me,
nor turn away your servant in
displeasure.

You have been my helper;
cast me not away;
do not forsake me, O God of my
salvation. **R**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are

perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

GOSPEL Matthew 4:12-23

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

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake – for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

POST COMMUNION

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
is the light of the world:
may your people,
illumined by your word and
sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped,
and obeyed to the ends of the
earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now and
for ever.