

COLLECT

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of
your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.

FIRST READING

*The reading from Acts must be read as
either the First or Second Reading.*

Either **Acts 10:34-43**

*A reading from the Acts of the
Apostles.*

Peter began to speak to those
assembled in the house of Cornelius:
"I truly understand that God shows no
partiality, but in every nation anyone
who fears him and does what is right
is acceptable to him. You know the
message he sent to the people of Israel,
preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he
is Lord of all. That message spread
throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee
after the baptism that John announced:
how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth
with the Holy Spirit and with power;
how he went about doing good and
healing all who were oppressed by
the devil, for God was with him. We
are witnesses to all that he did both in
Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him
to death by hanging him on a tree; but
God raised him on the third day and
allowed him to appear, not to all the
people but to us who were chosen by
God as witnesses, and who ate and
drank with him after he rose from the
dead. He commanded us to preach to
the people and to testify that he is the
one ordained by God as judge of the
living and the dead. All the prophets
testify about him that everyone who
believes in him receives forgiveness of
sins through his name."

Or **Isaiah 25:6-9**

PSALM Psalm 118:1-2. 14-24

R *This is the day that the Lord has
made; we will rejoice and be glad
in it.*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim,
"His mercy endures for ever." **R**

The Lord is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.
There is a sound of exultation and
victory
in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the Lord has
triumphed!
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has
triumphed!" **R**

I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord.
The Lord has punished me sorely,
but he did not hand me over to death.
Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to
the Lord. **R**

"This is the gate of the Lord;
whoever is righteous may enter."
I will give thanks to you, for you
answered me
and have become my salvation.
The same stone which the builders
rejected
has become the chief corner-stone. **R**

This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
On this day the Lord has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it. **R**

Or **Psalm 118:14-24**

SECOND READING

Either **1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

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

I would remind you, brothers and
sisters, of the good news that I
proclaimed to you, which you in turn
received, in which also you stand,
through which also you are being saved,
if you hold firmly to the message that
I proclaimed to you – unless you have
come to believe in vain. For I handed
on to you as of first importance what I
in turn had received: that Christ died
for our sins in accordance with the
scriptures, and that he was buried, and
that he was raised on the third day in
accordance with the scriptures, and
that he appeared to Cephas, then to
the twelve. Then he appeared to more
than five hundred brothers and sisters
at one time, most of whom are still
alive, though some have died. Then
he appeared to James, then to all the
apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely
born, he appeared also to me. For I
am the least of the apostles, unfit to be
called an apostle, because I persecuted
the church of God. But by the grace

of God I am what I am, and his grace
towards me has not been in vain. On
the contrary, I worked harder than any
of them – though it was not I, but the
grace of God that is with me. Whether
then it was I or they, so we proclaim and
so you have come to believe.

Or **Acts 10:34-43**

GOSPEL

Either **John 20:1-18**

Or **Mark 16:1-8**

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

When the sabbath was over, Mary
Magdalene, and Mary the mother of
James, and Salome bought spices, so
that they might go and anoint him. And
very early on the first day of the week,
when the sun had risen, they went to
the tomb. They had been saying to one
another, "Who will roll away the stone
for us from the entrance to the tomb?"
When they looked up, they saw that the
stone, which was very large, had already
been rolled back. As they entered the
tomb, they saw a young man, dressed
in a white robe, sitting on the right side;
and they were alarmed. But he said
to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are
looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was
crucified. He has been raised; he is not
here. Look, there is the place they laid
him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter
that he is going ahead of you to Galilee;
there you will see him just as he told
you." So they went out and fled from
the tomb, for terror and amazement had
seized them; and they said nothing to
anyone, for they were afraid.

POST COMMUNION

God of Life,
who for our redemption gave your only-
begotten Son to the death of the
cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our
enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him
in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.