

COLLECT

God, the giver of life,
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your
Church:

by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live
the gospel of Christ and make us
eager to do your will,
that we may share with the whole
creation the joys of eternal life;
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 53:4-12

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases; yet we
accounted him stricken, struck down
by God, and afflicted. But he was
wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities; upon him
was the punishment that made us
whole, and by his bruises we are
healed. All we like sheep have gone
astray; we have all turned to our
own way, and the LORD has laid on
him the iniquity of us all. He was
oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet
he did not open his mouth; like a
lamb that is led to the slaughter, and
like a sheep that before its shearers
is silent, so he did not open his
mouth. By a perversion of justice he
was taken away. Who could have
imagined his future? For he was cut
off from the land of the living, stricken
for the transgression of my people.
They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich, although
he had done no violence, and there
was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was
the will of the LORD to crush him
with pain. When you make his life
an offering for sin, he shall see his
offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the LORD shall
prosper. Out of his anguish he shall
see light; he shall find satisfaction
through his knowledge. The righteous
one, my servant, shall make many
righteous, and he shall bear their
iniquities. Therefore I will allot him
a portion with the great, and he
shall divide the spoil with the strong;
because he poured out himself to
death, and was numbered with the
transgressors; yet he bore the sin
of many, and made intercession for
the transgressors.

PSALM Psalm 91:9-16

R *The Lord shall give his angels
charge over you
[to keep you in all your ways].*

Because you have made the Lord your
refuge,
and the Most High your habitation;
No evil shall happen to you,
neither shall any plague come near
your dwelling. **R**

For he shall give his angels charge
over you,
to keep you in all your ways.
They shall bear you in their hands,
lest you dash your foot against a
stone. **R**

You shall tread upon the lion and
adder;
you shall trample the young lion and
the serpent
under your feet.

Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will I deliver him;
I will protect him, because he knows
my name. **R**

He shall call upon me and I will
answer him;
I am with him in trouble,
I will rescue him and bring him to
honour.
With long life will I satisfy him,
and show him my salvation. **R**

SECOND READING Hebrews 5:1-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Every high priest chosen from among
mortals is put in charge of things
pertaining to God on their behalf,
to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.
He is able to deal gently with the
ignorant and wayward, since he
himself is subject to weakness; and
because of this he must offer sacrifice
for his own sins as well as for those
of the people. And one does not
presume to take this honour, but
takes it only when called by God, just
as Aaron was. So also Christ did not
glorify himself in becoming a high
priest, but was appointed by the
one who said to him, "You are my
Son, today I have begotten you"; as
he says also in another place, "You
are a priest for ever, according to
the order of Melchizedek." In the
days of his flesh, Jesus offered up
prayers and supplications, with loud
cries and tears, to the one who was
able to save him from death, and he

was heard because of his reverent
submission. Although he was a Son,
he learned obedience through what
he suffered; and having been made
perfect, he became the source of
eternal salvation for all who obey him,
having been designated by God a
high priest according to the order
of Melchizedek.

GOSPEL Mark 10:35-45

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

James and John, the sons of
Zebedee, came forward to Jesus
and said to him, "Teacher, we want
you to do for us whatever we ask of
you." And he said to them, "What
is it you want me to do for you?"
And they said to him, "Grant us to
sit, one at your right hand and one
at your left, in your glory." But Jesus
said to them, "You do not know what
you are asking. Are you able to drink
the cup that I drink, or be baptized
with the baptism that I am baptized
with?" They replied, "We are able."
Then Jesus said to them, "The cup
that I drink you will drink; and with
the baptism with which I am baptized,
you will be baptized; but to sit at my
right hand or at my left is not mine
to grant, but it is for those for whom
it has been prepared." When the ten
heard this, they began to be angry
with James and John. So Jesus called
them and said to them, "You know
that among the Gentiles those whom
they recognise as their rulers lord it
over them, and their great ones are
tyrants over them. But it is not so
among you; but whoever wishes to
become great among you must be
your servant, and whoever wishes to
be first among you must be slave of
all. For the Son of Man came not to
be served but to serve, and to give
his life a ransom for many."

POST COMMUNION

God our Father,
whose Son, the light unfailing,
has come from heaven to deliver the
world from the darkness of
ignorance:
let these holy mysteries open the
eyes of our understanding
that we may know the way of life,
and walk in it without stumbling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.