

COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy
but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was
crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the
way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life
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 Exodus 20:1-17

A reading from the book of Exodus.

Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work – you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

PSALM Psalm 19

R *You, Lord, have the words of eternal life.*

or

R *The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart.*

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to
another.

Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,
Their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the
world. **R**

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his
chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
It goes forth from the uttermost edge of
the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat. **R**

The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes. **R**

The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever;
the judgements of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb. **R**

By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.
Who can tell how often he offends?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.
Above all, keep your servant from
presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offence. **R**

Let the words of my mouth and the
meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. **R**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

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

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. For it is written, "I will
destroy the wisdom of the wise, and
the discernment of the discerning I will

thwart." Where is the one who is wise?
Where is the scribe? Where is the debater
of this age? Has not God made foolish
the wisdom of the world? For since,
in the wisdom of God, the world did
not know God through wisdom, God
decided, through the foolishness of our
proclamation, to save those who believe.
For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire
wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified,
a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness
to Gentiles, but to those who are the
called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the
power of God and the wisdom of God.
For God's foolishness is wiser than human
wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger
than human strength.

GOSPEL John 2:13-22

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

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." They then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

POST COMMUNION

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the
temptations of the world, the flesh and
the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow
you, the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Additional Text and Prayers

Prayer of Approach

When we stand in awe of the magnificence of the Temple:

Jesus calls us to look for the kingdom hidden among us.

When we allow corruption and injustice to go unchallenged:

Jesus prompts us to ask the difficult questions.

We draw near, hesitant, afraid, searching, to worship the one who calls us to a new way of living for ourselves and the world. Amen.

Closing Responses

These responses may be used after the blessing.

Jesus, you spoke words
that changed attitudes.

May we be strong for what is right.

You spoke words
that made the powerful worry.

May we be strong for what is right.

You did things that made people fear.

You showed your anger,
which made evil run away.

May we be strong for what is right.

You did all this in your father's temple.

May we be strong for what is right.

Amen.

Dismissal

As we leave this place,
we turn ourselves to you.

As we leave this place,
we turn over to a new beginning.

As we leave this place,
may we live as you call us,
holy people, a living temple.

Amen.

COLLECT

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family
to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
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

Either **Exodus 2:1-10**

A reading from the book of Exodus.
A man from the house of Levi went and
married a Levite woman. The woman
conceived and bore a son; and when she
saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for
three months. When she could hide him no
longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and
plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put
the child in it and placed it among the reeds
on the bank of the river. His sister stood at
a distance, to see what would happen to
him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to
bathe at the river, while her attendants walked
beside the river. She saw the basket among
the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When
she opened it, she saw the child. He was
crying, and she took pity on him, "This must
be one of the Hebrews' children," she said.
Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter,
"Shall I go and get you a nurse from the
Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?"
Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So
the girl went and called the child's mother.
Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this
child and nurse it for me, and I will give you
your wages." So the woman took the child
and nursed it. When the child grew up, she
brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she
took him as her son. She named him Moses,
"because," she said, "I drew him out of the
water."

Or **1 Samuel 1:20-end**

A reading from the first book of Samuel.
Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named
him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him
of the LORD." The man Elkanah and all his
household went up to offer to the LORD
the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But
Hannah did not go up, for she said to her
husband, "As soon as the child is weaned,
I will bring him, that he may appear in the
presence of the LORD, and remain there for
ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time."
Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Do what
seems best to you, wait until you have weaned
him; only – may the LORD establish his word."
So the woman remained and nursed her son,
until she weaned him. When she had weaned

him, she took him up with her, along with a
three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a
skin of wine. She brought him to the house of
the LORD at Shiloh; and the child was young.
Then they slaughtered the bull, and they
brought the child to Eli. And she said, "Oh, my
lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who
was standing here in your presence, praying
to the LORD. For this child I prayed; and the
LORD has granted me the petition that I made
to him. Therefore I have lent him to the LORD;
as long as he lives, he is given to the LORD."
She left him there for the LORD.

PSALM Either **Psalm 34:11-20**

R [Come, children, and listen to me:]
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Come, children, and listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
Who among you loves life
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity? **R**

Keep your tongue from evil-speaking
and your lips from lying words.
Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it. **R**

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous,
and his ears are open to their cry.
The face of the Lord is against those who do
evil,
to root out the remembrance of them from the
earth. **R**

The righteous cry and the Lord hears them
and delivers them from all their troubles.
The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and will save those whose spirits are crushed. **R**

Many are the troubles of the righteous,
but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.
He will keep safe all his bones;
not one of them shall be broken. **R**

Or **Psalm 127:1-4**

R *It is the Lord who builds the house.*

Unless the Lord builds the house,
their labour is in vain who build it.
Unless the Lord watches over the city,
in vain the guard keeps vigil. **R**

It is in vain that you rise so early
and go to bed so late;
vain, too, to eat the bread of toil,
for he gives to his beloved sleep.
Children are a heritage from the Lord,
and the fruit of the womb is a gift. **R**

SECOND READING

Either **2 Corinthians 1:3-7**

*A reading from the second letter of Paul to
the Corinthians.*
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the
God of all consolation, who consoles us in
all our affliction, so that we may be able to
console those who are in any affliction with
the consolation with which we ourselves are

consoled by God. For just as the sufferings
of Christ are abundant for us, so also our
consolation is abundant through Christ. If we
are being afflicted, it is for your consolation
and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is
for your consolation, which you experience
when you patiently endure the same sufferings
that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is
unshaken; for we know that as you share in our
sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

Or **Colossians 3:12-17**

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

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,
clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness,
humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with
one another and, if anyone has a complaint
against another, forgive each other; just as
the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must
forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love,
which binds everything together in perfect
harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in
your hearts, to which indeed you were called in
the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of
Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish
one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude
in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual
songs to God. And whatever you do, in word
or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord
Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through
him.

GOSPEL

Either **Luke 2:33-35**

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

The child's father and mother were amazed at
what was being said about Jesus. Then Simeon
blessed them and said to his mother Mary,
"This child is destined for the falling and the
rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that
will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of
many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce
your own soul too."

Or **John 19:25b-27**

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

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his
mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the
wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When
Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom
he loved standing beside her, he said to his
mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he
said to the disciple, "Here is your mother."
And from that hour the disciple took her into
his own home.

POST COMMUNION

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament
with the food and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

COLLECT

Most merciful God,
 who by the death and resurrection of
 your Son Jesus Christ
 delivered and saved the world:
 grant that by faith in him who suffered
 on the cross
 we may triumph in the power of his
 victory;
 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 Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

PSALM

Either **Psalm 51:1-13**

R *A clean heart create in me, O God.*

Have mercy on me, O God,
 according to your loving-kindness;
 in your great compassion blot out my
 offences.
 Wash me through and through from
 my wickedness
 and cleanse me from my sin. **R**

For I know my transgressions,
 and my sin is ever before me.
 Against you only have I sinned
 and done what is evil in your sight.
 And so you are justified when you
 speak
 and upright in your judgement. **R**

Indeed, I have been wicked from my
 birth,
 a sinner from my mother's womb.

For behold, you look for truth deep
 within me,
 and will make me understand wisdom
 secretly. **R**

Purge me from my sin and I shall be
 pure;
 wash me and I shall be clean indeed.
 Make me hear of joy and gladness,
 that the body you have broken may
 rejoice. **R**

Hide your face from my sins
 and blot out all my iniquities.
 Create in me a clean heart, O God,
 and renew a right spirit within me.
 Cast me not away from your presence
 and take not your holy Spirit from me. **R**

Or Psalm 119:9-16

R *O Lord, how I love your law.*

How shall the young cleanse their way?
 By keeping to your words.
 With my whole heart I seek you;
 let me not stray from your
 commandments. **R**

I treasure your promise in my heart,
 that I may not sin against you.
 Blessed are you, O Lord;
 instruct me in your statutes. **R**

With my lips will I recite
 all the judgements of your mouth.
 I have taken greater delight in the way
 of your decrees
 than in all manner of riches. **R**

I will meditate on your commandments
 and give attention to your ways.
 My delight is in your statutes;
 I will not forget your word. **R**

SECOND READING Hebrews 5:5-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

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 John 12:20-33

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

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

POST COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ,
 you have taught us
 that what we do for the least of our
 brothers and sisters
 we do also for you:
 give us the will to be the servant of
 others
 as you were the servant of all,
 and gave up your life and died for us,
 but are alive and reign, now and for
 ever.

Additional Text and Prayers

Call to worship

Night has gone, day has broken.

Thanks be to God.

We are loved as the people we are.

Thanks be to God.

With hearts aflame with love,

We praise the Lord.

A prayer of confession

Compassion and forgiveness
belong to the Lord our God,
though we have rebelled against him.
Let us then renounce our wilfulness
and ask his mercy
by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Lord our God,
you know who we are and how we are.
Our strengths and our weaknesses
are known to you.
Forgive our failure to hear and respond.
Forgive our unwillingness
to trust your promises.
Let us know the healing touch
of your forgiveness,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

An absolution is given.

Blessing

May God bless you with rain,
may God bless you with sunshine.
May God bless you with food,
may God bless you with shelter.
And until we meet again,
may you grow in God's love
and plant seeds of God's love,
wherever you may be.
And the blessing ...
Amen.

Psalm 34*Benedicam Domino*

I WILL always give thanks unto the Lord : his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

My soul shall make her boast in the Lord : the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

O praise the Lord with me : and let us magnify his Name together.

I sought the Lord, and he heard me : yea, he delivered me out of all my fear.

They had an eye unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.

Lo, the poor crieth, and the Lord heareth him : yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him : and delivereth them.

O taste, and see, how gracious the Lord is : blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

O fear the Lord, ye that are his saints : for they that fear him lack nothing.

The lions do lack, and suffer hunger : but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good.

Come, ye children, and hearken unto me : I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

What man is he that lusteth to live : and would fain see good days?

Keep thy tongue from evil : and thy lips, that they speak no guile.

Eschew evil, and do good : seek peace, and ensue it.

The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous : and his ears are open unto their prayers.

The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil : to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them: and delivereth

them out of all their troubles.

The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart : and will save such as be of an humble spirit.

Great are the troubles of the righteous : but the Lord delivereth him out of all.

He keepeth all his bones : so that not one of them is broken.

But misfortune shall slay the ungodly : and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants : and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.

Glory be to the Father...

First Lesson**Exodus 7.8-24**

⁸The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, ⁹“When Pharaoh says to you, “Perform a wonder”, then you shall say to Aaron, “Take your staff and throw it down before Pharaoh, and it will become a snake.” ’ ¹⁰So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did as the Lord had commanded; Aaron threw down his staff before Pharaoh and his officials, and it became a snake. ¹¹Then Pharaoh summoned the wise men and the sorcerers; and they also, the magicians of Egypt, did the same by their secret arts. ¹²Each one threw down his staff, and they became snakes; but Aaron’s staff swallowed up theirs. ¹³Still Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the Lord had said.

¹⁴ Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Pharaoh’s heart is hardened; he refuses to let the people go. ¹⁵Go to Pharaoh in the morning, as he is going out to the water; stand by at the river bank to meet him, and take in your hand the staff that

was turned into a snake. ¹⁶Say to him, “The Lord, the God of the Hebrews, sent me to you to say, ‘Let my people go, so that they may worship me in the wilderness.’ But until now you have not listened. ¹⁷Thus says the Lord, ‘By this you shall know that I am the Lord.’ See, with the staff that is in my hand I will strike the water that is in the Nile, and it shall be turned to blood. ¹⁸The fish in the river shall die, the river itself shall stink, and the Egyptians shall be unable to drink water from the Nile.” ’ ¹⁹The Lord said to Moses, ‘Say to Aaron, “Take your staff and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt—over its rivers, its canals, and its ponds, and all its pools of water—so that they may become blood; and there shall be blood throughout the whole land of Egypt, even in vessels of wood and in vessels of stone.” ’ ²⁰ Moses and Aaron did just as the Lord commanded. In the sight of Pharaoh and of his officials he lifted up the staff and struck the water in the river, and all the water in the river was turned into blood, ²¹and the fish in the river died. The river stank so that the Egyptians could not drink its water, and there was blood throughout the whole land of Egypt. ²²But the magicians of Egypt did the same by their secret arts; so Pharaoh’s heart remained hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the Lord had said. ²³Pharaoh turned and went into his house, and he did not take even this to heart. ²⁴And all the Egyptians had to dig along the Nile for water to drink, for they could not drink the water of the river.

Second Lesson

Luke 22.1-13

Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near. ²The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people.

³ Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; ⁴he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray him to them. ⁵They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. ⁶So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd was present. ⁷ Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, 'Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it.' ⁹They asked him, 'Where do you want us to make preparations for it?' ¹⁰'Listen,' he said to them, 'when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters ¹¹and say to the owner of the house, "The teacher asks you, "Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?" "' ¹²He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there.' ¹³So they went and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

Collect of the Day

O Lord, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights; Give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness, to thy honour and glory; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

Amen.

We beseech thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy people; that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
 who in your tender love towards the
 human race sent your Son our Saviour
 Jesus Christ
 to take upon him our flesh
 and to suffer death upon the cross:
 grant that we may follow the example
 of his patience and humility,
 and also be made partakers of his
 resurrection;
 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.

LITURGY OF THE PALMS

GOSPEL

Either **Mark 11:1-11**

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

When Jesus and his disciples were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Or **John 12:12-16**

PSALM Psalm 118:1-2. 19-end

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**

Open for me the gates of righteousness;
 I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the
 Lord.

"This is the gate of the Lord;
 whoever is righteous may enter." **R**

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**

Hosanna, Lord, hosanna!
 Lord, send us now success.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of
 the Lord;
 we bless you from the house of the Lord. **R**

God is the Lord; he has shined upon us;
 form a procession with branches
 up to the horns of the altar.
 "You are my God and I will thank you;
 you are my God and I will exalt you."
 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
 his mercy endures for ever. **R**

LITURGY OF THE PASSION

FIRST READING Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The servant of the LORD said: The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

PSALM Psalm 31:9-16

R *I have trusted in you, O Lord. (I have said, "You are my God.")*

or

R *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble;

my eye is consumed with sorrow,
 and also my throat and my belly.
 For my life is wasted with grief,
 and my years with sighing;
 my strength fails me because of affliction,
 and my bones are consumed. **R**

I have become a reproach to all my
 enemies
 and even to my neighbours,
 a dismay to those of my acquaintance;
 when they see me in the street they avoid
 me.

I am forgotten like the dead, out of mind;
 I am as useless as a broken pot. **R**

For I have heard the whispering of the
 crowd;

fear is all around;
 they put their heads together against me;
 they plot to take my life.

But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord.
 I have said, "You are my God. **R**

My times are in your hand;
 rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
 and from those who persecute me.
 Make your face to shine upon your servant,
 and in your loving-kindness save me." **R**

SECOND READING Philippians 2:5-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

PASSION

Either **Mark 14:1 – end of 15**

Or **Mark 15:1-39 [40-end]**

POST COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ,
 you humbled yourself in taking the form of
 a servant,
 and in obedience died on the cross for
 our salvation:
 give us the mind to follow you
 and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
 to the glory of God the Father.

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;
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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.

