

COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty
days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet
without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves
in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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 Genesis 9:8-17

A reading from the book of Genesis.

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

PSALM Psalm 25:1-10

R *Your paths, O Lord, are love and faithfulness [to those who keep your covenant].*

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
Let none who look to you be put to
shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed
in their schemes. **R**

Show me your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long. **R**

Remember, O Lord, your compassion
and love,
for they are from everlasting.
Remember not the sins of my youth
and my transgressions;
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness,
O Lord. **R**

Gracious and upright is the Lord;
therefore he teaches sinners in his
way.
He guides the humble in doing right
and teaches his way to the lowly.
All the paths of the Lord are love
and faithfulness
to those who keep his covenant and
his testimonies.
For your name's sake, O Lord,
forgive my sin, for it is great. **R**

SECOND READING 1 Peter 3:18-end

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Christ also suffered for sins once
for all, the righteous for the
unrighteous, in order to bring you
to God. He was put to death in the
flesh, but made alive in the spirit,
in which also he went and made a
proclamation to the spirits in prison,
who in former times did not obey,
when God waited patiently in the

days of Noah, during the building of
the ark, in which a few, that is, eight
persons, were saved through water.
And baptism, which this prefigured,
now saves you – not as a removal of
dirt from the body, but as an appeal
to God for a good conscience,
through the resurrection of Jesus
Christ, who has gone into heaven
and is at the right hand of God,
with angels, authorities, and powers
made subject to him.

GOSPEL Mark 1:9-15

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

In those days Jesus came from
Nazareth of Galilee and was
baptized by John in the Jordan.
And just as he was coming up out
of the water, he saw the heavens
torn apart and the Spirit descending
like a dove on him. And a voice
came from heaven, "You are my
Son, the Beloved; with you I am well
pleased." And the Spirit immediately
drove him out into the wilderness.
He was in the wilderness forty days,
tempted by Satan; and he was with
the wild beasts; and the angels
waited on him. Now after John was
arrested, Jesus came to Galilee,
proclaiming the good news of God,
and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and
the kingdom of God has come near;
repent, and believe in the good
news."

POST COMMUNION

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living
bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him
who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from out of your
mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.