

## COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you have given us your servants grace,  
by the confession of a true faith,  
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal  
Trinity  
and in the power of the divine majesty  
to worship the Unity:  
keep us steadfast in this faith,  
that we may evermore be defended  
from all adversities;  
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 6:1-8

*A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.*

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

## PSALM Psalm 29

**R** *The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.*

or

**R** *In God's temple all cry "Glory!"*

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to his  
name;  
worship the Lord in the beauty of  
holiness. **R**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders;  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.  
The voice of the Lord is a powerful  
voice;  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of  
splendour. **R**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar  
trees;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;  
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild  
ox. **R**

The voice of the Lord splits the flames  
of fire;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the  
wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.  
The voice of the Lord makes the oak  
trees writhe  
and strips the forests bare.  
And in the temple of the Lord  
all are crying, "Glory!"  
The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king for  
evermore.  
The Lord shall give strength to his  
people;  
the Lord shall give his people the  
blessing of peace. **R**

## SECOND READING Romans 8:12-17

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

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors,  
not to the flesh, to live according to the  
flesh – for if you live according to the  
flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit  
you put to death the deeds of the body,  
you will live. For all who are led by the  
Spirit of God are children of God. For  
you did not receive a spirit of slavery  
to fall back into fear, but you have  
received a spirit of adoption. When we  
cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit  
bearing witness with our spirit that we  
are children of God, and if children, then  
heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with  
Christ – in fact, we suffer with him so  
that we may also be glorified with him.

## GOSPEL John 3:1-17

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus,  
a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus  
by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we

know that you are a teacher who has  
come from God; for no one can do  
these signs that you do apart from the  
presence of God." Jesus answered him,  
"Very truly, I tell you, no one can see  
the kingdom of God without being born  
from above." Nicodemus said to him,  
"How can anyone be born after having  
grown old? Can one enter a second  
time into the mother's womb and be  
born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I  
tell you, no one can enter the kingdom  
of God without being born of water  
and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is  
flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is  
spirit. Do not be astonished that I said  
to you, 'You must be born from above.'  
The wind blows where it chooses, and  
you hear the sound of it, but you do  
not know where it comes from or where  
it goes. So it is with everyone who is  
born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to  
him, "How can these things be?" Jesus  
answered him, "Are you a teacher of  
Israel, and yet you do not understand  
these things? Very truly, I tell you, we  
speak of what we know and testify to  
what we have seen; yet you do not  
receive our testimony. If I have told you  
about earthly things and you do not  
believe, how can you believe if I tell  
you about heavenly things? No one has  
ascended into heaven except the one  
who descended from heaven, the Son  
of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the  
serpent in the wilderness, so must the  
Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever  
believes in him may have eternal life. For  
God so loved the world that he gave his  
only Son, so that everyone who believes  
in him may not perish but may have  
eternal life. Indeed, God did not send  
the Son into the world to condemn the  
world, but in order that the world might  
be saved through him."

## POST COMMUNION

Almighty and eternal God,  
you have revealed yourself as Father,  
Son and Holy Spirit,  
and live and reign in the perfect unity of  
love:  
hold us firm in this faith,  
that we may know you in all your ways  
and evermore rejoice in your eternal  
glory,  
who are three Persons yet one God,  
now and for ever.