

COLLECT

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the
power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom
of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has
recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us
he may raise us to eternal joy;
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

(Alternative readings)

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

Either **Acts 10:44-end**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Peter was speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Or **Isaiah 55:1-11**

PSALM Psalm 98

R *The Lord has made known his victory
in the sight of the nations.*

Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvellous things.
With his right hand and his holy
arm
has he won for himself the victory. **R**

The Lord has made known his
victory;
his righteousness has he openly
shown
in the sight of the nations.
He remembers his mercy and
faithfulness
to the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have
seen
the victory of our God. **R**

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you
lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice and sing.
Sing to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of
song.
With trumpets and the sound of
the horn
shout with joy before the King, the
Lord. **R**

Let the sea make a noise and all
that is in it,
the lands and those who dwell
therein.
Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy
before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.
In righteousness shall he judge the
world,
and the peoples with equity. **R**

SECOND READING

(Alternative readings)

Either **1 John 5:1-6**

A reading from the first letter of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus
is the Christ has been born of
God, and everyone who loves
the parent loves the child. By
this we know that we love the
children of God, when we love
God and obey his commandments.
For the love of God is this, that
we obey his commandments.
And his commandments are not
burdensome, for whatever is born
of God conquers the world. And
this is the victory that conquers
the world, our faith. Who is it that

conquers the world but the one
who believes that Jesus is the Son
of God? This is the one who came
by water and blood, Jesus Christ,
not with the water only but with
the water and the blood. And the
Spirit is the one that testifies, for
the Spirit is the truth.

Or **Acts 10:44-end**

GOSPEL John 15:9-17

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

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the
Father has loved me, so I have
loved you; abide in my love. If you
keep my commandments, you will
abide in my love, just as I have
kept my Father's commandments
and abide in his love. I have said
these things to you so that my
joy may be in you, and that your
joy may be complete. This is my
commandment, that you love one
another as I have loved you. No
one has greater love than this, to
lay down one's life for one's friends.
You are my friends if you do what
I command you. I do not call you
servants any longer, because the
servant does not know what the
master is doing; but I have called
you friends, because I have made
known to you everything that
I have heard from my Father. You
did not choose me but I chose you.
And I appointed you to go and
bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that
the Father will give you whatever
you ask him in my name. I am
giving you these commands so that
you may love one another."

POST COMMUNION

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the
water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of
goodness,
through him who is alive and
reigns, now and for ever.