

### COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,  
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church  
is governed and sanctified:  
hear our prayer which we offer for all your  
faithful people,  
that in their vocation and ministry  
they may serve you in holiness and truth  
to the glory of your name;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### FIRST READING

Either **Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15; 2:23-24**  
A reading from the book of Wisdom.

God did not make death, and he does not  
delight in the death of the living. For he  
created all things so that they might exist; the  
generative forces of the world are wholesome,  
and there is no destructive poison in them,  
and the dominion of Hades is not on earth. For  
righteousness is immortal. For God created  
us for incorruption, and made us in the image  
of his own eternity, but through the devil's  
envy death entered the world, and those who  
belong to his company experience it.

*The Canticle (Lamentations 3:23-33) may be  
used in place of Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24 as  
the First Reading.*

Or **2 Samuel 1:1. 17-end**

### CANTICLE OR PSALM

Either **Lamentations 3:23-33**

**R** *The Lord is good to those who wait for him.*

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end.  
They are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness. **R**

"The LORD is my portion," says my soul,  
"therefore I will hope in him."  
The LORD is good to those who wait for him,  
to the soul that seeks him.  
It is good that one should wait quietly for the  
salvation of the LORD. **R**

It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth,  
to sit alone in silence when the Lord has  
imposed it,  
to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet  
be hope),  
to give one's cheek to the smiter,  
and be filled with insults. **R**

For the Lord will not reject for ever.  
Although he causes grief,  
he will have compassion according to the  
abundance of his steadfast love;  
for he does not willingly afflict or grieve  
anyone. **R**

Or **Psalms 30**

**R** *You brought me up, O Lord, from the  
dead.*



I will exalt you, O Lord,  
because you have raised me up



You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead.

and have not let my foes triumph over me.  
O Lord my God, I cried out to you  
and you have healed me.  
You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead;  
you restored me to life from among those that  
go down to the Pit. **R**

Sing to the Lord, you servants of his;  
give thanks to his holy name.  
For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye,  
his favour for a lifetime.  
Heaviness may endure for a night,  
but joy comes in the morning. **R**

In my prosperity I said,  
"I shall never be moved."  
You, Lord, of your goodness,  
have made my hill so strong."  
Then you hid your face from me  
and I was utterly dismayed.  
To you, O Lord, I cried;  
to the Lord I made my supplication: **R**

"What profit is there in my blood,  
if I go down to the Pit?  
Will the dust praise you or declare your  
faithfulness?  
"Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me;  
O Lord, be my helper." **R**

You have turned my mourning into dancing;  
you have put off my sackcloth and girded me  
with gladness;  
Therefore my heart sings to you without  
ceasing;  
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever. **R**

### SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 8:7-end

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

You excel in everything – in faith, in speech,  
in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our  
love for you – so we want you to excel also in  
this generous undertaking. I do not say this as a  
command, but I am testing the genuineness of  
your love against the earnestness of others. For  
you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus  
Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your  
sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty  
you might become rich. And in this matter I  
am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you  
who began last year not only to do something  
but even to desire to do something – now  
finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be  
matched by completing it according to your  
means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift  
is acceptable according to what one has – not  
according to what one does not have. I do not  
mean that there should be relief for others and  
pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair  
balance between your present abundance and  
their need, so that their abundance may be for  
your need, in order that there may be a fair  
balance. As it is written, "The one who had  
much did not have too much, and the one who  
had little did not have too little."

### GOSPEL Mark 5:21-end

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

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat  
to the other side, a great crowd gathered  
around him; and he was by the lake. Then  
one of the leaders of the synagogue named  
Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his  
feet and begged him repeatedly, "My little  
daughter is at the point of death. Come and  
lay your hands on her, so that she may be  
made well, and live." So he went with him.  
And a large crowd followed him and pressed  
in on him. Now there was a woman who had  
been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve  
years. She had endured much under many  
physicians, and had spent all that she had; and  
she was no better, but rather grew worse. She  
had heard about Jesus, and came up behind  
him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for  
she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be  
made well." Immediately her haemorrhage  
stopped; and she felt in her body that she was  
healed of her disease. Immediately aware that  
power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned  
about in the crowd and said, "Who touched  
my clothes?" And his disciples said to him,  
"You see the crowd pressing in on you; how  
can you say, 'Who touched me?'" He looked  
all around to see who had done it. But the  
woman, knowing what had happened to her,  
came in fear and trembling, fell down before  
him, and told him the whole truth. He said to  
her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well;  
go in peace, and be healed of your disease."  
While he was still speaking, some people came  
from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter  
is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?"  
But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to  
the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear,  
only believe." He allowed no one to follow him  
except Peter, James, and John, the brother of  
James. When they came to the house of the  
leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion,  
people weeping and wailing loudly. When he  
had entered, he said to them, "Why do you  
make a commotion and weep? The child is not  
dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him.  
Then he put them all outside, and took the  
child's father and mother and those who were  
with him, and went in where the child was. He  
took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha  
cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And  
immediately the girl got up and began to  
walk about (she was twelve years of age). At  
this they were overcome with amazement. He  
strictly ordered them that no one should know  
this, and told them to give her something  
to eat.

### POST COMMUNION

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,  
that the course of this world may be so  
peaceably ordered by your governance,  
that your Church may joyfully serve you in all  
godly quietness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.