

COLLECT

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the
riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
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 49:1-7**

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

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention,
you peoples from far away! The LORD
called me before I was born, while I was
in my mother's womb he named me. He
made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the
shadow of his hand he hid me; he made
me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid
me away. And he said to me, "You are my
servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
But I said, "I have laboured in vain, I have
spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and
my reward with my God." And now the
LORD says, who formed me in the womb
to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to
him, and that Israel might be gathered
to him, for I am honoured in the sight of
the LORD, and my God has become my
strength. The LORD says, "It is too light
a thing that you should be my servant to
raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore
the survivors of Israel; I will give you as
a light to the nations, that my salvation
may reach to the end of the earth."
Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of
Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply
despised, abhorred by the nations, the
slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand
up, princes, and they shall prostrate
themselves, because of the LORD, who is
faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has
chosen you."

PSALM **Psalm 40:1-2**

R I love to do your will, O God,
[your law is in my heart].

I waited patiently upon the Lord;
he stooped to me and heard my cry.
He lifted me out of the desolate pit,
out of the mire and clay;
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made
my footing sure. **R**

He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God;

many shall see and stand in awe
and put their trust in the Lord.
Happy are they who trust in the Lord!
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to
false gods. **R**

Great things are they that you have done,
O Lord my God!
how great your wonders and your
plans for us!
there is none who can be compared
with you.
O that I could make them known and
tell them!
but they are more than I can count. **R**

In sacrifice and offering you take no
pleasure
you have given me ears to hear you;
burnt-offering and sin-offering you have
not required,
and so I said, "Behold, I come.
In the roll of the book it is written
concerning me:
'I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep in my heart.'" **R**

I proclaimed righteousness in the great
congregation;
behold, I did not restrain my lips;
and that, O Lord, you know.
Your righteousness have I not hidden in
my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your
deliverance;
I have not concealed your love and
faithfulness
from the great congregation. **R**

SECOND READING **1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

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

From Paul, called to be an apostle of
Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our
brother Sosthenes, To the church of
God that is in Corinth, to those who are
sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be
saints, together with all those who in every
place call on the name of our Lord Jesus
Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to
you and peace from God our Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my
God always for you because of the grace
of God that has been given you in Christ
Jesus, for in every way you have been
enriched in him, in speech and knowledge
of every kind – just as the testimony of
Christ has been strengthened among
you – so that you are not lacking in any
spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing
of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also
strengthen you to the end, so that you

may be blameless on the day of our Lord
Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you
were called into the fellowship of his Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL **John 1:29-42**

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

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming
towards him and declared, "Here is the
Lamb of God who takes away the sin of
the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After
me comes a man who ranks ahead of me'
because he was before me.' I myself did
not know him; but I came baptising with
water for this reason, that he might be
revealed to Israel." And John testified,
"I saw the Spirit descending from heaven
like a dove, and it remained on him. I
myself did not know him, but the one who
sent me to baptise with water said to me,
'He on whom you see the Spirit descend
and remain is the one who baptises with
the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen
and have testified that this is the Son
of God." The next day John again was
standing with two of his disciples, and as
he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed,
"Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The
two disciples heard him say this, and they
followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and
saw them following, he said to them,
"What are you looking for?" They said
to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means
Teacher), "where are you staying?" He
said to them, "Come and see." They came
and saw where he was staying, and they
remained with him that day. It was about
four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the
two who heard John speak and followed
him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.
He first found his brother Simon and said
to him, "We have found the Messiah"
(which is translated Anointed). He brought
Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and
said, "You are Simon son of John. You are
to be called Cephas" (which is translated
Peter).

POST COMMUNION

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ
our Lord.