

COLLECT

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of
your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.

FIRST READING (Alternative readings)

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

Either Acts 10:34-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to those assembled
in the house of Cornelius: "I truly
understand that God shows no partiality,
but in every nation anyone who fears
him and does what is right is acceptable
to him. You know the message he sent
to the people of Israel, preaching peace
by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That
message spread throughout Judea,
beginning in Galilee after the baptism
that John announced: how God anointed
Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and
with power; how he went about doing
good and healing all who were oppressed
by the devil, for God was with him. We
are witnesses to all that he did both in
Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to
death by hanging him on a tree; but God
raised him on the third day and allowed
him to appear, not to all the people but to
us who were chosen by God as witnesses,
and who ate and drank with him after he
rose from the dead. He commanded us to
preach to the people and to testify that
he is the one ordained by God as judge of
the living and the dead. All the prophets
testify about him that everyone who
believes in him receives forgiveness of sins
through his name."

Or Isaiah 25:6-9

PSALM Psalm 118:1-2. 14-24

R *I will give thanks to you,
for you have become my salvation.*

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.
Let Israel now proclaim,
"His mercy endures for ever." **R**

The Lord is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.
Joyful shouts of salvation
sound from the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the Lord does mighty
deeds;
the right hand of the Lord raises up;
the right hand of the Lord does mighty
deeds." **R**

I shall not die, but live
and declare the works of the Lord.
The Lord has punished me sorely,
but he has not given me over to death. **R**

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter and give thanks to the
Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.
I will give thanks to you, for you have
answered me
and have become my salvation. **R**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it. **R**

Or Psalm 118:14-24

SECOND READING (Alternative readings)

Either 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

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

I would remind you, brothers and sisters,
of the good news that I proclaimed
to you, which you in turn received, in
which also you stand, through which
also you are being saved, if you hold
firmly to the message that I proclaimed
to you – unless you have come to
believe in vain. For I handed on to you
as of first importance what I in turn had
received: that Christ died for our sins in
accordance with the scriptures, and that
he was buried, and that he was raised
on the third day in accordance with
the scriptures, and that he appeared
to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he
appeared to more than five hundred
brothers and sisters at one time, most
of whom are still alive, though some
have died. Then he appeared to James,
then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to
one untimely born, he appeared also to
me. For I am the least of the apostles,

unfit to be called an apostle, because I
persecuted the church of God. But by
the grace of God I am what I am, and his
grace towards me has not been in vain.
On the contrary, I worked harder than
any of them – though it was not I, but the
grace of God that is with me. Whether
then it was I or they, so we proclaim and
so you have come to believe.

Or Acts 10:34-43

GOSPEL (Alternative readings)

Either John 20:1-18

Or Mark 16:1-8

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

When the sabbath was over, Mary
Magdalene, and Mary the mother of
James, and Salome bought spices, so
that they might go and anoint him. And
very early on the first day of the week,
when the sun had risen, they went to
the tomb. They had been saying to one
another, "Who will roll away the stone
for us from the entrance to the tomb?"
When they looked up, they saw that the
stone, which was very large, had already
been rolled back. As they entered the
tomb, they saw a young man, dressed
in a white robe, sitting on the right side;
and they were alarmed. But he said
to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are
looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was
crucified. He has been raised; he is not
here. Look, there is the place they laid
him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter
that he is going ahead of you to Galilee;
there you will see him just as he told
you." So they went out and fled from
the tomb, for terror and amazement had
seized them; and they said nothing to
anyone, for they were afraid.

POST COMMUNION

God of Life,
who for our redemption gave your only-
begotten Son to the death of the
cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our
enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him
in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

