

## 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 **Psalm 30**

**R** *To you, O Lord, my heart shall sing  
without ceasing.*

I will exalt you, O Lord,  
because you have lifted me up  
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

O Lord my God, I cried out to you,  
and you restored me to health.  
You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead;  
you restored my life as I was going down to  
the grave. **R**

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

While I felt secure, I said,  
"I shall never be disturbed."  
You, Lord, with your favour,  
made me as strong as the mountains."  
Then you hid your face,  
and I was filled with fear. **R**

I cried to you, O Lord;  
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,  
"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 wailing into dancing;  
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed  
me with joy;  
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 5:21-43

*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.