

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.