

## COLLECT

Almighty Father,  
 who in your great mercy gladdened  
 the disciples  
 with the sight of the risen Lord:  
 give us such knowledge of his  
 presence with us,  
 that we may be strengthened and  
 sustained by his risen life  
 and serve you continually in  
 righteousness and truth;  
 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

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

**Either Acts 3:12-19**

*A reading from the Acts of the  
 Apostles.*

Peter addressed the people, "You  
 Israelites, why do you wonder at this,  
 or why do you stare at us, as though  
 by our own power or piety we had  
 made him walk? The God of Abraham,  
 the God of Isaac, and the God of  
 Jacob, the God of our ancestors has  
 glorified his servant Jesus, whom  
 you handed over and rejected in  
 the presence of Pilate, though he  
 had decided to release him. But you  
 rejected the Holy and Righteous One  
 and asked to have a murderer given  
 to you, and you killed the Author of  
 life, whom God raised from the dead.  
 To this we are witnesses. And by faith  
 in his name, his name itself has made  
 this man strong, whom you see and  
 know; and the faith that is through  
 Jesus has given him this perfect health  
 in the presence of all of you. And  
 now, friends, I know that you acted  
 in ignorance, as did also your rulers.  
 In this way God fulfilled what he had  
 foretold through all the prophets,  
 that his Messiah would suffer. Repent  
 therefore, and turn to God so that  
 your sins may be wiped out."

**Or Zephaniah 3:14-end**

## PSALM Psalm 4

**R** *Lift up the light of your  
 countenance upon us, O Lord.*

Answer me when I call, O God,  
 defender of my cause;  
 you set me free when I am hard-  
 pressed;  
 have mercy on me and hear my prayer.  
 "You mortals, how long will you  
 dishonour my glory;  
 how long will you worship dumb idols  
 and run after false gods?" **R**

Know that the Lord does wonders for  
 the faithful;  
 when I call upon the Lord, he will hear  
 me.

Tremble, then, and do not sin;  
 speak to your heart in silence upon  
 your bed. **R**

Offer the appointed sacrifices  
 and put your trust in the Lord.

Many are saying,  
 "O that we might see better times!"  
 Lift up the light of your countenance  
 upon us, O Lord. **R**

You have put gladness in my heart,  
 more than when grain and wine and  
 oil increase.  
 I lie down in peace; at once I fall  
 asleep;  
 for only you, Lord, make me dwell in  
 safety. **R**

## SECOND READING

**Either 1 John 3:1-7**

*A reading from the first letter of John.*

See what love the Father has given  
 us, that we should be called children  
 of God; and that is what we are. The  
 reason the world does not know us  
 is that it did not know him. Beloved,  
 we are God's children now; what we  
 will be has not yet been revealed.  
 What we do know is this: when he is  
 revealed, we will be like him, for we  
 will see him as he is. And all who have  
 this hope in him purify themselves,  
 just as he is pure. Everyone who  
 commits sin is guilty of lawlessness;  
 sin is lawlessness. You know that he  
 was revealed to take away sins, and  
 in him there is no sin. No one who  
 abides in him sins; no one who sins  
 has either seen him or known him.  
 Little children, let no one deceive you.

Everyone who does what is right is  
 righteous, just as he is righteous.

**Or Acts 3:12-19**

## GOSPEL Luke 24:36b-48

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

While the eleven and their  
 companions were talking about  
 what they had heard, Jesus himself  
 stood among them and said to them,  
 "Peace be with you." They were  
 startled and terrified, and thought that  
 they were seeing a ghost. He said to  
 them, "Why are you frightened, and  
 why do doubts arise in your hearts?  
 Look at my hands and my feet; see  
 that it is I myself. Touch me and see;  
 for a ghost does not have flesh and  
 bones as you see that I have." And  
 when he had said this, he showed  
 them his hands and his feet. While  
 in their joy they were disbelieving  
 and still wondering, he said to them,  
 "Have you anything here to eat?"  
 They gave him a piece of broiled  
 fish, and he took it and ate in their  
 presence. Then he said to them,  
 "These are my words that I spoke to  
 you while I was still with you – that  
 everything written about me in the  
 law of Moses, the prophets, and the  
 psalms must be fulfilled." Then he  
 opened their minds to understand  
 the scriptures, and he said to them,  
 "Thus it is written, that the Messiah  
 is to suffer and to rise from the dead  
 on the third day, and that repentance  
 and forgiveness of sins is to be  
 proclaimed in his name to all nations,  
 beginning from Jerusalem. You are  
 witnesses of these things."

## POST COMMUNION

Living God,  
 your Son made himself known to his  
 disciples  
 in the breaking of bread:  
 open the eyes of our faith,  
 that we may see him in all his  
 redeeming work;  
 who is alive and reigns, now and for  
 ever.