

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into
our hearts whereby we call you
Father:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom
to your service,
that we and all creation may be brought
to the glorious liberty of the children
of God;
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 66:10-14

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad
for her, all you who love her; rejoice
with her in joy, all you who mourn
over her – that you may nurse and be
satisfied from her consoling breast;
that you may drink deeply with delight
from her glorious bosom. For thus says
the LORD: I will extend prosperity to
her like a river, and the wealth of the
nations like an overflowing stream; and
you shall nurse and be carried on her
arm, and dandled on her knees. As
a mother comforts her child, so I will
comfort you; you shall be comforted in
Jerusalem. You shall see, and your heart
shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish
like the grass; and it shall be known
that the hand of the LORD is with his
servants, and his indignation is against
his enemies.

Or 2 Kings 5:1-14

PSALM Psalm 66:1-8

R Be joyful in God, all you lands.

or

R Bless our God, you peoples,
make the voice of his praise be
heard.

Be joyful in God, all you lands;
sing the glory of his name;
sing the glory of his praise.
Say to God, "How awesome are your
deeds!
because of your great strength
your enemies cringe before you.
All the earth bows down before you,
sings to you, sings out your name." **R**

Come now and see the works of God,
how wonderful he is in his doing
towards all people.
He turned the sea into dry land,

so that they went through the water on
foot,
and there we rejoiced in him. **R**

In his might he rules for ever;
his eyes keep watch over the nations;
let no rebel rise up against him.
Bless our God, you peoples;
make the voice of his praise to be
heard;
Who holds our souls in life,
and will not allow our feet to slip. **R**

SECOND READING

(Short or long reading)

Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

[My friends, if anyone is detected in a
transgression, you who have received
the Spirit should restore such a one in
a spirit of gentleness. Take care that
you yourselves are not tempted. Bear
one another's burdens, and in this way
you will fulfil the law of Christ. For if
those who are nothing think they are
something, they deceive themselves.
All must test their own work; then that
work, rather than their neighbour's
work, will become a cause for pride. For
all must carry their own loads. Those
who are taught the word must share in
all good things with their teacher.] Do
not be deceived; God is not mocked,
for you reap whatever you sow. If you
sow to your own flesh, you will reap
corruption from the flesh; but if you
sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal
life from the Spirit. So let us not grow
weary in doing what is right, for we
will reap at harvest time, if we do not
give up. So then, whenever we have an
opportunity, let us work for the good
of all, and especially for those of the
family of faith. See what large letters
I make when I am writing in my own
hand! It is those who want to make a
good showing in the flesh that try to
compel you to be circumcised – only
that they may not be persecuted for the
cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do
not themselves obey the law, but they
want you to be circumcised so that they
may boast about your flesh. May I never
boast of anything except the cross of
our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the
world has been crucified to me, and I to
the world. For neither circumcision nor
uncircumcision is anything; but a new
creation is everything! As for those who
will follow this rule – peace be upon
them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of
God.

GOSPEL Luke 10:1-11. 16-20

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

The Lord appointed seventy others
and sent them on ahead of him in
pairs to every town and place where
he himself intended to go. He said
to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but
the labourers are few; therefore ask
the Lord of the harvest to send out
labourers into his harvest. Go on your
way. See, I am sending you out like
lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry
no purse, no bag, no sandals; and
greet no one on the road. Whatever
house you enter, first say, 'Peace to
this house!' And if anyone is there who
shares in peace, your peace will rest on
that person; but if not, it will return to
you. Remain in the same house, eating
and drinking whatever they provide,
for the labourer deserves to be paid.
Do not move about from house to
house. Whenever you enter a town and
its people welcome you, eat what is
set before you; cure the sick who are
there, and say to them, 'The kingdom
of God has come near to you.' But
whenever you enter a town and they
do not welcome you, go out into its
streets and say, 'Even the dust of your
town that clings to our feet, we wipe off
in protest against you. Yet know this:
the kingdom of God has come near.'
Whoever listens to you listens to me,
and whoever rejects you rejects me, and
whoever rejects me rejects the one who
sent me." The seventy returned with
joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even
the demons submit to us!" He said to
them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven
like a flash of lightning. See, I have
given you authority to tread on snakes
and scorpions, and over all the power
of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you.
Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that
the spirits submit to you, but rejoice
that your names are written in heaven."

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O God, whose beauty is beyond our
imagining
and whose power we cannot
comprehend:
show us your glory as far as we can
grasp it,
and shield us from knowing more than
we can bear
until we may look upon you without
fear;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.