

COLLECT

God, the giver of life,
whose Holy Spirit wells up within
your Church:
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live
the gospel of Christ and make us
eager to do your will,
that we may share with the whole
creation the joys of eternal life;
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

Either **Amos 5:6-7. 10-15**

A reading from the book of the prophet Amos.

Seek the LORD and live, or he will
break out against the house of
Joseph like fire, and it will devour
Bethel, with no one to quench
it. Ah, you that turn justice to
wormwood, and bring righteousness
to the ground! They hate the one
who reproves in the gate, and they
abhor the one who speaks the truth.
Therefore because you trample on
the poor and take from them levies
of grain, you have built houses of
hewn stone, but you shall not live
in them; you have planted pleasant
vineyards, but you shall not drink
their wine. For I know how many are
your transgressions, and how great
are your sins – you who afflict the
righteous, who take a bribe, and
push aside the needy in the gate.
Therefore the prudent will keep
silent in such a time; for it is an evil
time. Seek good and not evil, that
you may live; and so the LORD, the
God of hosts, will be with you, just
as you have said. Hate evil and love
good, and establish justice in the
gate; it may be that the LORD, the
God of hosts, will be gracious to the
remnant of Joseph.

Or **Job 23:1-9. 16-end**

PSALM Psalm 90:13-end

R *We shall rejoice and be glad
all the days of our life.*

or

R *O Lord, be gracious to your
servants.*

Return, O Lord; how long will you
tarry?

be gracious to your servants.
Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in
the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad all
the days of our life. **R**

Make us glad by the measure of the
days
that you afflicted us
and the years in which we suffered
adversity.
Show your servants your works
and your splendour to their
children. **R**

May the graciousness of the Lord
our God be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork. **R**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 4:12-end

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

The word of God is living and
active, sharper than any two-edged
sword, piercing until it divides soul
from spirit, joints from marrow; it
is able to judge the thoughts and
intentions of the heart. And before
him no creature is hidden, but all
are naked and laid bare to the
eyes of the one to whom we must
render an account. Since, then, we
have a great high priest who has
passed through the heavens, Jesus,
the Son of God, let us hold fast
to our confession. For we do not
have a high priest who is unable to
sympathise with our weaknesses,
but we have one who in every
respect has been tested as we are,
yet without sin. Let us therefore
approach the throne of grace with
boldness, so that we may receive
mercy and find grace to help in time
of need.

GOSPEL Mark 10:17-31

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

As Jesus was setting out on a
journey, a man ran up and knelt
before him, and asked him, "Good
Teacher, what must I do to inherit
eternal life?" Jesus said to him,
"Why do you call me good? No
one is good but God alone. You
know the commandments: 'You
shall not murder; You shall not

commit adultery; You shall not steal;
You shall not bear false witness;
You shall not defraud; Honour
your father and mother.'" He said
to Jesus, "Teacher, I have kept
all these since my youth." Jesus,
looking at him, loved him and said,
"You lack one thing; go, sell what
you own, and give the money to
the poor, and you will have treasure
in heaven; then come, follow
me." When he heard this, he was
shocked and went away grieving,
for he had many possessions. Then
Jesus looked around and said to his
disciples, "How hard it will be for
those who have wealth to enter the
kingdom of God!" And the disciples
were perplexed at these words. But
Jesus said to them again, "Children,
how hard it is to enter the kingdom
of God! It is easier for a camel to
go through the eye of a needle
than for someone who is rich to
enter the kingdom of God." They
were greatly astounded and said
to one another, "Then who can be
saved?" Jesus looked at them and
said, "For mortals it is impossible,
but not for God; for God all things
are possible." Peter began to say to
him, "Look, we have left everything
and followed you." Jesus said,
"Truly I tell you there is no one who
has left house or brothers or sisters
or mother or father or children or
fields, for my sake and for the sake
of the good news, who will not
receive a hundredfold now in this
age – houses, brothers and sisters,
mothers and children, and fields –
but with persecutions – and in the
age to come eternal life. But many
who are first will be last, and the last
will be first."

POST COMMUNION

God our Father,
whose Son, the light unending,
has come from heaven to deliver the
world from the darkness of
ignorance:
let these holy mysteries open the
eyes of our understanding
that we may know the way of life,
and walk in it without stumbling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.