

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ
our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed
saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible
joys
that you have prepared for those who
truly love you;
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

Daniel 7:1-3. 15-18

A reading from the book of Daniel.
In the first year of King Belshazzar of
Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions
of his head as he lay in bed. Then he
wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw
in my vision by night the four winds
of heaven stirring up the great sea, and
four great beasts came up out of the sea,
different from one another. As for me,
Daniel, my spirit was troubled within
me, and the visions of my head terrified
me. I approached one of the attendants to
ask him the truth concerning all this. So
he said that he would disclose to me the
interpretation of the matter: "As for these
four great beasts, four kings shall arise
out of the earth. But the holy ones of the
Most High shall receive the kingdom and
possess the kingdom for ever – for ever
and ever."

PSALM Psalm 149

*R Sound praises to the Lord, all the
earth.*

Alleluia.

O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing his praise in the congregation of the
faithful.

Let Israel rejoice in their maker;
let the children of Zion be joyful in their
king. *R*

Let them praise his name in the dance;
let them sing praise to him with timbrel
and lyre.



Sound prai-ses to the Lord, all the earth.

For the Lord has pleasure in his people
and adorns the poor with salvation. *R*
Let the faithful be joyful in glory;
let them rejoice in their ranks,
With the praises of God in their mouths
and a two-edged sword in their
hands; *R*

To execute vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples;
To bind their kings in chains
and their nobles with fetters of iron;
To execute on them the judgement
decreed;
such honour have all his faithful
servants.
Alleluia. *R*

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:11-23

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the
Ephesians.*
In Christ we have also obtained an
inheritance, having been destined
according to the purpose of him who
accomplishes all things according to his
counsel and will, so that we, who were the
first to set our hope on Christ, might live
for the praise of his glory. In him you also,
when you had heard the word of truth, the
gospel of your salvation, and had believed
in him, were marked with the seal of the
promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge
of our inheritance towards redemption
as God's own people, to the praise of his
glory. I have heard of your faith in the
Lord Jesus and your love towards all the
saints, and for this reason I do not cease
to give thanks for you as I remember you
in my prayers. I pray that the God of our
Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may
give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation
as you come to know him, so that, with
the eyes of your heart enlightened, you
may know what is the hope to which he
has called you, what are the riches of his
glorious inheritance among the saints, and
what is the immeasurable greatness of
his power for us who believe, according
to the working of his great power. God
put this power to work in Christ when he
raised him from the dead and seated him
at his right hand in the heavenly places,
far above all rule and authority and power
and dominion, and above every name that

is named, not only in this age but also in
the age to come. And he has put all things
under his feet and has made him the head
over all things for the church, which is his
body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

GOSPEL Luke 6:20-31

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

Jesus looked up at his disciples and
said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for
yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed
are you who are hungry now, for you
will be filled. Blessed are you who weep
now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you
when people hate you, and when they
exclude you, revile you, and defame you
on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice
in that day and leap for joy, for surely
your reward is great in heaven; for that is
what their ancestors did to the prophets.
But woe to you who are rich, for you
have received your consolation. Woe to
you who are full now, for you will be
hungry. Woe to you who are laughing
now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe
to you when all speak well of you, for
that is what their ancestors did to the
false prophets. But I say to you that listen,
Love your enemies, do good to those who
hate you, bless those who curse you, pray
for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes
you on the cheek, offer the other also; and
from anyone who takes away your coat
do not withhold even your shirt. Give
to everyone who begs from you; and if
anyone takes away your goods, do not
ask for them again. Do to others as you
would have them do to you."

POST COMMUNION

God, the source of all holiness
and giver of all good things:
may we who have shared at this table as
strangers and pilgrims here on earth
be welcomed with all your saints
to the heavenly feast on the day of your
kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.