

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

Jeremiah 28:5-9

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfil the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

PSALM

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18 [or 89:8-18]

R *Truly the Lord is our shield.*

My song shall be always of the loving-kindness of the Lord:
with my mouth will I proclaim
your faithfulness throughout all
generations.



Tru - ly the Lord is our shield.

I will declare that your love is
established for ever;
you have set your faithfulness as firm
as the heavens. **R**

For you said: "I have made a
covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to David my
servant:
"Your seed will I establish for ever
and build up your throne for all
generations." **R**

Happy are the people who know the
shout of triumph:
they walk, O Lord, in the light of your
countenance.
In your name they rejoice all the day
long
and are exalted in your righteousness. **R**

For you are the glory of their
strength,
and in your favour you lift up our
heads.
Truly the Lord is our shield,
the Holy One of Israel is our king. **R**

SECOND READING

Romans 6:12-end

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Do not let sin exercise dominion in
your mortal bodies, to make you obey
their passions. No longer present
your members to sin as instruments of
wickedness, but present yourselves to
God as those who have been brought
from death to life, and present your
members to God as instruments of
righteousness. For sin will have no
dominion over you, since you are not
under law but under grace. What
then? Should we sin because we
are not under law but under grace?
By no means! Do you not know
that if you present yourselves to
anyone as obedient slaves, you are
slaves of the one whom you obey,
either of sin, which leads to death,
or of obedience, which leads to
righteousness? But thanks be to God
that you, having once been slaves of
sin, have become obedient from the

heart to the form of teaching to which
you were entrusted, and that you,
having been set free from sin, have
become slaves of righteousness. I am
speaking in human terms because of
your natural limitations. For just as
you once presented your members as
slaves to impurity and to greater and
greater iniquity, so now present your
members as slaves to righteousness
for sanctification. When you were
slaves of sin, you were free in regard
to righteousness. So what advantage
did you then get from the things of
which you now are ashamed? The
end of those things is death. But now
that you have been freed from sin and
enslaved to God, the advantage you
get is sanctification. The end is eternal
life. For the wages of sin is death, but
the free gift of God is eternal life in
Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL Matthew 10:40-end

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

Jesus said to the twelve: "Whoever
welcomes you welcomes me, and
whoever welcomes me welcomes the
one who sent me. Whoever welcomes
a prophet in the name of a prophet
will receive a prophet's reward;
and whoever welcomes a righteous
person in the name of a righteous
person will receive the reward of the
righteous; and whoever gives even
a cup of cold water to one of these
little ones in the name of a disciple –
truly I tell you, none of these will lose
their reward."

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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.