

COLLECT

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy scriptures
to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly
digest them
that, through patience, and the
comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold
fast the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our
Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Isaiah 45:22-end

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD: Turn to me
and be saved, all the ends of the
earth! For I am God, and there is
no other. By myself I have sworn,
from my mouth has gone forth in
righteousness a word that shall
not return: "To me every knee
shall bow, every tongue shall
swear." Only in the LORD, it shall
be said of me, are righteousness
and strength; all who were
incensed against him shall come
to him and be ashamed. In the
LORD all the offspring of Israel
shall triumph and glory.

PSALM Psalm 119:129-136

R *The opening of your word
gives light.*

Your testimonies are wonderful;
therefore my soul keeps them.
The opening of your word gives
light;
it gives understanding to the
simple. **R**

I open my mouth and draw in my
breath,
as I long for your commandments.
Turn to me and be gracious to me,

as is your way with those who love
your name. **R**

Order my steps by your word,
and let no wickedness have
dominion over me.

Redeem me from earthly
oppressors
so that I may keep your
commandments. **R**

Show the light of your
countenance upon your servant
and teach me your statutes.
My eyes run down with streams of
water,
because the wicked do not keep
your law. **R**

SECOND READING

Romans 15:1-6

*A reading from the letter of Paul
to the Romans.*

We who are strong ought to put
up with the failings of the weak,
and not to please ourselves.
Each of us must please our
neighbour for the good purpose
of building up the neighbour.
For Christ did not please himself;
but, as it is written, "The insults
of those who insult you have
fallen on me." For whatever
was written in former days was
written for our instruction, so
that by steadfastness and by the
encouragement of the scriptures
we might have hope. May
the God of steadfastness and
encouragement grant you to live
in harmony with one another, in
accordance with Christ Jesus, so
that together you may with one
voice glorify the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL Luke 4:16-24

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

When Jesus came to Nazareth,
where he had been brought up,

he went to the synagogue on the
sabbath day, as was his custom.
He stood up to read, and the
scroll of the prophet Isaiah was
given to him. He unrolled the
scroll and found the place where
it was written: "The Spirit of the
Lord is upon me, because he
has anointed me to bring good
news to the poor. He has sent
me to proclaim release to the
captives and recovery of sight to
the blind, to let the oppressed
go free, to proclaim the year of
the Lord's favour." And he rolled
up the scroll, gave it back to the
attendant, and sat down. The eyes
of all in the synagogue were fixed
on him. Then he began to say to
them, "Today this scripture has
been fulfilled in your hearing."
All spoke well of him and were
amazed at the gracious words that
came from his mouth. They said,
"Is not this Joseph's son?" He
said to them, "Doubtless you will
quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor,
cure yourself!' And you will say,
'Do here also in your home town
the things that we have heard
you did at Capernaum.'"
And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet
is accepted in the prophet's home
town."

POST COMMUNION

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the
hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your
heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living
bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and
for ever.



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