

### COLLECT

Almighty Father,  
you have given your only Son to die for  
our sins  
and to rise again for our justification:  
grant us so to put away the leaven of  
malice and wickedness  
that we may always serve you  
in pureness of living and truth;  
through the merits of your Son Jesus  
Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**FIRST READING** (Alternative readings)  
*The reading from Acts must be read as  
either the First or Second Reading.*

**Either Acts 4:32-35**

*A reading from the Acts of the  
Apostles.*

The whole group of those who  
believed were of one heart and soul,  
and no one claimed private ownership  
of any possessions, but everything  
they owned was held in common. With  
great power the apostles gave their  
testimony to the resurrection of the  
Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon  
them all. There was not a needy person  
among them, for as many as owned  
lands or houses sold them and brought  
the proceeds of what was sold. They  
laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was  
distributed to each as any had need.

**Or Exodus 14:10-end; 15:20-21**

**PSALM Psalm 133**

**R** *Mercy and truth are met together,  
righteousness and peace have kissed  
each other.*

Behold how good and pleasant it is  
to dwell together in unity.  
It is like the precious oil upon the  
head,  
running down upon the beard,  
Even on Aaron's beard,  
running down upon the collar of his  
clothing. **R**

It is like the dew of Hermon  
running down upon the hills of Zion.  
For there the Lord has promised his  
blessing:  
even life for evermore. **R**

**SECOND READING** (Alternative readings)

**Either 1 John 1:1 – 2:2**

*A reading from the first letter of John.*

We declare to you what was from  
the beginning, what we have heard,  
what we have seen with our eyes,  
what we have looked at and touched  
with our hands, concerning the word  
of life – this life was revealed, and  
we have seen it and testify to it, and  
declare to you the eternal life that was  
with the Father and was revealed to  
us – we declare to you what we have  
seen and heard so that you also may  
have fellowship with us; and truly our  
fellowship is with the Father and with  
his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing  
these things so that our joy may be  
complete. This is the message we have  
heard from him and proclaim to you,  
that God is light and in him there is  
no darkness at all. If we say that we  
have fellowship with him while we are  
walking in darkness, we lie and do not  
do what is true; but if we walk in the  
light as he himself is in the light, we  
have fellowship with one another, and  
the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses  
us from all sin. If we say that we have  
no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the  
truth is not in us. If we confess our sins,  
he who is faithful and just will forgive  
us our sins and cleanse us from all  
unrighteousness. If we say that we have  
not sinned, we make him a liar, and his  
word is not in us. My little children, I  
am writing these things to you so that  
you may not sin. But if anyone does  
sin, we have an advocate with the  
Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and  
he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins,  
and not for ours only but also for the  
sins of the whole world.

**Or Acts 4:32-35**

**GOSPEL John 20:19-end**

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

It was evening on the first day of the  
week, and the doors of the house  
where the disciples had met were  
locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus  
came and stood among them and said,  
"Peace be with you." After he said

this, he showed them his hands and  
his side. Then the disciples rejoiced  
when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to  
them again, "Peace be with you. As  
the Father has sent me, so I send you."  
When he had said this, he breathed  
on them and said to them, "Receive  
the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the  
sins of any, they are forgiven them;  
if you retain the sins of any, they are  
retained." But Thomas (who was called  
the Twin), one of the twelve, was not  
with them when Jesus came. So the  
other disciples told him, "We have  
seen the Lord." But he said to them,  
"Unless I see the mark of the nails in  
his hands, and put my finger in the  
mark of the nails and my hand in his  
side, I will not believe." A week later  
his disciples were again in the house,  
and Thomas was with them. Although  
the doors were shut, Jesus came and  
stood among them and said, "Peace  
be with you." Then he said to Thomas,  
"Put your finger here and see my  
hands. Reach out your hand and put it  
in my side. Do not doubt but believe."  
Thomas answered him, "My Lord and  
my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have  
you believed because you have seen  
me? Blessed are those who have not  
seen and yet have come to believe."  
Now Jesus did many other signs in  
the presence of his disciples, which  
are not written in this book. But these  
are written so that you may come to  
believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the  
Son of God, and that through believing  
you may have life in his name.

**POST COMMUNION**

Lord God our Father,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ  
you have assured your children of  
eternal life  
and in baptism have made us one with  
him:  
deliver us from the death of sin  
and raise us to new life in your love,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

