

COLLECT

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good
things:
graft in our hearts the love of your
name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in
the same;
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 23:1-6

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy
and scatter the sheep of my pasture!
says the LORD. Therefore thus says
the LORD, the God of Israel,
concerning the shepherds who
shepherd my people: It is you who
have scattered my flock, and have
driven them away, and you have not
attended to them. So I will attend
to you for your evil doings, says the
LORD. Then I myself will gather the
remnant of my flock out of all the
lands where I have driven them,
and I will bring them back to their
fold, and they shall be fruitful and
multiply. I will raise up shepherds over
them who will shepherd them, and
they shall not fear any longer, or be
dismayed, nor shall any be missing,
says the LORD. The days are surely
coming, says the LORD, when I will
raise up for David a righteous Branch,
and he shall reign as king and deal
wisely, and shall execute justice and
righteousness in the land. In his days
Judah will be saved and Israel will live
in safety. And this is the name by
which he will be called: "The LORD is
our righteousness."

PSALM Psalm 23

R *The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.*

The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.
He makes me lie down in green
pastures
and leads me beside still waters. **R**

He revives my soul
and guides me along right pathways
for his name's sake.
Though I walk through the valley of
the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort
me. **R**

You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble
me;
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
Surely your goodness and mercy shall
follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the
Lord for ever. **R**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:11-end

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

Remember that at one time you
Gentiles by birth, called "the
uncircumcision" by those who are
called "the circumcision" – a physical
circumcision made in the flesh by
human hands – remember that you
were at that time without Christ,
being aliens from the commonwealth
of Israel, and strangers to the
covenants of promise, having no hope
and without God in the world. But
now in Christ Jesus you who once
were far off have been brought near
by the blood of Christ. For he is our
peace; in his flesh he has made both
groups into one and has broken down
the dividing wall, that is, the hostility
between us. He has abolished the
law with its commandments and
ordinances, that he might create in
himself one new humanity in place of
the two, thus making peace, and
might reconcile both groups to God
in one body through the cross, thus
putting to death that hostility through
it. So he came and proclaimed peace
to you who were far off and peace
to those who were near; for through
him both of us have access in one
Spirit to the Father. So then you are
no longer strangers and aliens, but
you are citizens with the saints and
also members of the household of

God, built upon the foundation of the
apostles and prophets, with Christ
Jesus himself as the cornerstone.
In him the whole structure is joined
together and grows into a holy
temple in the Lord; in whom you also
are built together spiritually into a
dwelling-place for God.

GOSPEL Mark 6:30-34. 53-end

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

The apostles returned from their
mission. They gathered around
Jesus, and told him all that they had
done and taught. He said to them,
"Come away to a deserted place
all by yourselves and rest a while."
For many were coming and going,
and they had no leisure even to eat.
And they went away in the boat to a
deserted place by themselves. Now
many saw them going and recognized
them, and they hurried there on
foot from all the towns and arrived
ahead of them. As he went ashore,
he saw a great crowd; and he had
compassion for them, because they
were like sheep without a shepherd;
and he began to teach them many
things. When they had crossed over,
they came to land at Gennesaret
and moored the boat. When they
got out of the boat, people at once
recognized him, and rushed about
that whole region and began to bring
the sick on mats to wherever they
heard he was. And wherever he went,
into villages or cities or farms, they
laid the sick in the market-places, and
begged him that they might touch
even the fringe of his cloak; and all
who touched it were healed.

POST COMMUNION

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine
and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world
may live:
may we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory and be made
perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now
and for ever.