

COLLECT

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble
servants;
and that they may obtain their
petitions
make them to ask such things as shall
please 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 1 Kings 19:9-18

A reading from the first book of Kings.
When Elijah reached Horeb, the
mountain of God, he came to a cave,
and spent the night there. Then the
word of the LORD came to him,
saying, "What are you doing here,
Elijah?" He answered, "I have been
very zealous for the LORD, the God of
hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken
your covenant, thrown down your
altars, and killed your prophets with
the sword. I alone am left, and they
are seeking my life, to take it away."
He said, "Go out and stand on the
mountain before the LORD, for the
LORD is about to pass by." Now there
was a great wind, so strong that it was
splitting mountains and breaking rocks
in pieces before the LORD, but the
LORD was not in the wind; and after
the wind an earthquake, but the LORD
was not in the earthquake; and after
the earthquake a fire, but the LORD
was not in the fire; and after the fire
a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah
heard it, he wrapped his face in his
mantle and went out and stood at the
entrance of the cave. Then there came
a voice to him that said, "What are
you doing here, Elijah?" He answered,
"I have been very zealous for the
LORD, the God of hosts; for the
Israelites have forsaken your covenant,
thrown down your altars, and killed
your prophets with the sword. I alone
am left, and they are seeking my life,
to take it away." Then the LORD said
to him, "Go, return on your way to
the wilderness of Damascus; when you
arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king
over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu
son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and
you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat
of Abel-meholah as prophet in your
place. Whoever escapes from the
sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and

whoever escapes from the sword of
Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave
seven thousand in Israel, all the knees
that have not bowed to Baal, and
every mouth that has not kissed him."

Or Genesis 37:1-4. 12-28

PSALM Psalm 85:8-13

R Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

I will listen to what the Lord God is
saying,
for he is speaking peace to his faithful
people
and to those who turn their hearts to
him.

Truly, his salvation is very near to
those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land. **R**

Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed
each other.

Truth shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down
from heaven. **R**

The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness shall go before him,
and peace shall be a pathway for
his feet. **R**

SECOND READING Romans 10:5-15

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

Moses writes concerning the
righteousness that comes from the
law, that "the person who does these
things will live by them." But the
righteousness that comes from faith
says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who
will ascend into heaven?'" (that is,
to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will
descend into the abyss?'" (that is,
to bring Christ up from the dead).
But what does it say? "The word is
near you, on your lips and in your
heart" (that is, the word of faith that
we proclaim); because if you confess
with your lips that Jesus is Lord and
believe in your heart that God raised
him from the dead, you will be saved.
For one believes with the heart and
so is justified, and one confesses
with the mouth and so is saved. The
scripture says, "No one who believes
in him will be put to shame." For
there is no distinction between Jew
and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of
all and is generous to all who call on

him. For, "Everyone who calls on the
name of the Lord shall be saved." But
how are they to call on one in whom
they have not believed? And how are
they to believe in one of whom they
have never heard? And how are they
to hear without someone to proclaim
him? And how are they to proclaim
him unless they are sent? As it is
written, "How beautiful are the feet of
those who bring good news!"

GOSPEL Matthew 14:22-33

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

Immediately after feeding the crowd
with the five loaves and two fish, Jesus
made the disciples get into the boat
and go on ahead to the other side,
while he dismissed the crowds. And
after he had dismissed the crowds,
he went up the mountain by himself
to pray. When evening came, he was
there alone, but by this time the boat,
battered by the waves, was far from
the land, for the wind was against
them. And early in the morning he
came walking towards them on the
lake. But when the disciples saw
him walking on the lake, they were
terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And
they cried out in fear. But immediately
Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take
heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter
answered him, "Lord, if it is you,
command me to come to you on the
water." He said, "Come." So Peter got
out of the boat, started walking on
the water, and came towards Jesus.
But when he noticed the strong wind,
he became frightened, and beginning
to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save
me!" Jesus immediately reached out
his hand and caught him, saying to
him, "You of little faith, why did you
doubt?" When they got into the boat,
the wind ceased. And those in the
boat worshipped him, saying, "Truly
you are the Son of God."

POST COMMUNION

God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those who trust
in you:
look upon us with your favour
that we who follow the path of your
will
may never wander from the way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.