

COLLECT

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord,
to your faithful people pardon and
peace,
that they may be cleansed from all
their sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
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

Either **Isaiah 53:4-end**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases; yet we
accounted him stricken, struck down
by God, and afflicted. But he was
wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities; upon him
was the punishment that made us
whole, and by his bruises we are
healed. All we like sheep have gone
astray; we have all turned to our
own way, and the LORD has laid
on him the iniquity of us all. He was
oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet
he did not open his mouth; like a
lamb that is led to the slaughter, and
like a sheep that before its shearers
is silent, so he did not open his
mouth. By a perversion of justice he
was taken away. Who could have
imagined his future? For he was cut
off from the land of the living, stricken
for the transgression of my people.
They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich, although
he had done no violence, and there
was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was
the will of the LORD to crush him
with pain. When you make his life
an offering for sin, he shall see his
offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the LORD shall
prosper. Out of his anguish he shall
see light; he shall find satisfaction
through his knowledge. The righteous
one, my servant, shall make many
righteous, and he shall bear their
iniquities. Therefore I will allot him
a portion with the great, and he
shall divide the spoil with the strong;
because he poured out himself to
death, and was numbered with the
transgressors; yet he bore the sin
of many, and made intercession for
the transgressors.

Or **Job 38:1-7 [34-end]**

PSALM Psalm 91:9-end

R *The Lord shall give his angels
charge over you
[to keep you in all your ways].*

Because you have made the Lord your
refuge,
and the Most High your habitation;
No evil shall happen to you,
neither shall any plague come near
your dwelling. **R**

For he shall give his angels charge
over you,
to keep you in all your ways.
They shall bear you in their hands,
lest you dash your foot against a
stone. **R**

You shall tread upon the lion and
adder;
you shall trample the young lion and
the serpent
under your feet.
Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will I deliver him;
I will protect him, because he knows
my name. **R**

He shall call upon me and I will
answer him;
I am with him in trouble,
I will rescue him and bring him to
honour.
With long life will I satisfy him,
and show him my salvation. **R**

SECOND READING Hebrews 5:1-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Every high priest chosen from among
mortals is put in charge of things
pertaining to God on their behalf, to
offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is
able to deal gently with the ignorant
and wayward, since he himself is
subject to weakness; and because
of this he must offer sacrifice for his
own sins as well as for those of the
people. And one does not presume
to take this honour, but takes it only
when called by God, just as Aaron
was. So also Christ did not glorify
himself in becoming a high priest,
but was appointed by the one who
said to him, "You are my Son, today
I have begotten you"; as he says also
in another place, "You are a priest
for ever, according to the order of
Melchizedek." In the days of his
flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and
supplications, with loud cries and
tears, to the one who was able to save
him from death, and he was heard

because of his reverent submission.
Although he was a Son, he learned
obedience through what he suffered;
and having been made perfect,
he became the source of eternal
salvation for all who obey him, having
been designated by God a high priest
according to the order
of Melchizedek.

GOSPEL Mark 10:35-45

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

James and John, the sons of
Zebedee, came forward to Jesus
and said to him, "Teacher, we want
you to do for us whatever we ask of
you." And he said to them, "What is
it you want me to do for you?" And
they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one
at your right hand and one at your
left, in your glory." But Jesus said to
them, "You do not know what you
are asking. Are you able to drink the
cup that I drink, or be baptised with
the baptism that I am baptised with?"
They replied, "We are able." Then
Jesus said to them, "The cup that
I drink you will drink; and with the
baptism with which I am baptised,
you will be baptised; but to sit at my
right hand or at my left is not mine
to grant, but it is for those for whom
it has been prepared." When the ten
heard this, they began to be angry
with James and John. So Jesus called
them and said to them, "You know
that among the Gentiles those whom
they recognise as their rulers lord it
over them, and their great ones are
tyrants over them. But it is not so
among you; but whoever wishes to
become great among you must be
your servant, and whoever wishes to
be first among you must be slave of
all. For the Son of Man came not to
be served but to serve, and to give
his life a ransom for many."

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Father of light,
in whom is no change or shadow of
turning,
you give us every good and perfect
gift
and have brought us to birth by your
word of truth:
may we be a living sign of that
kingdom
where your whole creation will be
made perfect in Jesus Christ our
Lord.