

## COLLECT

Lord, you have taught us  
that all our doings without love are  
nothing worth:  
send your Holy Spirit  
and pour into our hearts that most  
excellent gift of love,  
the true bond of peace and of all  
virtues,  
without which whoever lives is counted  
dead before you.  
Grant this for your only Son Jesus  
Christ's sake,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## FIRST READING

**1 Kings 19:15-16. 19-end**

*A reading from the first book of Kings.*

The LORD said to Elijah, "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." So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was ploughing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

## PSALM Psalm 16

**R** O Lord, you are my portion and my cup.

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;  
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,  
my good above all other."  
All my delight is upon the godly that  
are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the  
people. **R**

But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied.  
Their libations of blood I will not offer,  
nor take the names of their gods upon  
my lips. **R**

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who uphold my lot.  
My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.  
I will bless the Lord who gives me  
counsel;  
my heart teaches me, night after night. **R**

I have set the Lord always before me;  
because he is at my right hand I shall  
not fall.  
My heart, therefore, is glad and my  
spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope. **R**

For you will not abandon me to the  
grave,  
nor let your holy one see the Pit.  
You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for  
evermore. **R**

## SECOND READING

**Galatians 5:1. 13-25**

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

For freedom Christ has set us free.  
Stand firm, therefore, and do not  
submit again to a yoke of slavery.  
For you were called to freedom,  
brothers and sisters; only do not use  
your freedom as an opportunity for  
self-indulgence, but through love  
become slaves to one another. For the  
whole law is summed up in a single  
commandment, "You shall love your  
neighbour as yourself." If, however,  
you bite and devour one another, take  
care that you are not consumed by one  
another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do  
not gratify the desires of the flesh. For  
what the flesh desires is opposed to  
the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires  
is opposed to the flesh; for these are  
opposed to each other, to prevent  
you from doing what you want. But if  
you are led by the Spirit, you are not  
subject to the law. Now the works  
of the flesh are obvious: fornication,  
impurity, licentiousness, idolatry,  
sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger,  
quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy,  
drunkenness, carousing, and things like

these. I am warning you, as I warned  
you before: those who do such things  
will not inherit the kingdom of God.  
By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is  
love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,  
generosity, faithfulness, gentleness,  
and self-control. There is no law against  
such things. And those who belong to  
Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh  
with its passions and desires. If we live  
by the Spirit, let us also be guided by  
the Spirit.

## GOSPEL Luke 9:51-end

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

When the days drew near for him to  
be taken up, he set his face to go to  
Jerusalem. And he sent messengers  
ahead of him. On their way they  
entered a village of the Samaritans to  
make ready for him; but they did not  
receive him, because his face was set  
towards Jerusalem. When his disciples  
James and John saw it, they said, "Lord,  
do you want us to command fire to  
come down from heaven and consume  
them?" But he turned and rebuked  
them. Then they went on to another  
village. As they were going along the  
road, someone said to him,  
"I will follow you wherever you go."  
And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have  
holes, and birds of the air have nests;  
but the Son of Man has nowhere to  
lay his head." To another Jesus said,  
"Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first  
let me go and bury my father." But  
Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury  
their own dead; but as for you, go and  
proclaim the kingdom of God." Another  
said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me  
first say farewell to those at my home."  
Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a  
hand to the plough and looks back is fit  
for the kingdom of God."

## POST COMMUNION

Loving Father,  
we thank you for feeding us at the  
supper of your Son:  
sustain us with your Spirit,  
that we may serve you here on earth  
until our joy is complete in heaven,  
and we share in the eternal banquet  
with Jesus Christ our Lord.