

## COLLECT

Lord of all life and power,  
 who through the mighty resurrection of your  
 Son  
 overcame the old order of sin and death  
 to make all things new in him:  
 grant that we, being dead to sin  
 and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
 may reign with him in glory;  
 to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
 be praise and honour, glory and might,  
 now and in all eternity.

## FIRST READING

The reading from Acts must be used as  
 either the first or the second reading.

### Either Acts 10:34-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to those assembled in  
 the house of Cornelius: "I truly understand  
 that God shows no partiality, but in every  
 nation anyone who fears him and does what  
 is right is acceptable to him. You know the  
 message he sent to the people of Israel,  
 preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord  
 of all. That message spread throughout  
 Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism  
 that John announced: how God anointed  
 Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and  
 with power; how he went about doing  
 good and healing all who were oppressed  
 by the devil, for God was with him. We are  
 witnesses to all that he did both in Judea  
 and in Jerusalem. They put him to death  
 by hanging him on a tree; but God raised  
 him on the third day and allowed him to  
 appear, not to all the people but to us who  
 were chosen by God as witnesses, and who  
 ate and drank with him after he rose from  
 the dead. He commanded us to preach to  
 the people and to testify that he is the one  
 ordained by God as judge of the living and  
 the dead. All the prophets testify about him  
 that everyone who believes in him receives  
 forgiveness of sins through his name."

### Or Isaiah 65:17-end

A reading from the book of the prophet  
 Isaiah.

I am about to create new heavens and a  
 new earth; the former things shall not be  
 remembered or come to mind. But be glad  
 and rejoice for ever in what I am creating;  
 for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,  
 and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in  
 Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no  
 more shall the sound of weeping be heard in  
 it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there  
 be in it an infant that lives but a few days,  
 or an old person who does not live out a  
 lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years  
 will be considered a youth, and one who  
 falls short of a hundred will be considered  
 accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit  
 them; they shall plant vineyards and eat  
 their fruit. They shall not build and another  
 inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat;  
 for like the days of a tree shall the days of my  
 people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy  
 the work of their hands. They shall not labour

in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they  
 shall be offspring blessed by the LORD – and  
 their descendants as well. Before they call  
 I will answer, while they are yet speaking I  
 will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed  
 together, the lion shall eat straw like the  
 ox; but the serpent – its food shall be dust!  
 They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy  
 mountain, says the LORD.

## PSALM Psalm 118:1-2. 14-24

**R** This is the day that the Lord has made;  
 we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Or

**R** Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
 his mercy endures for ever.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
 his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim,

"His mercy endures for ever." **R**

The Lord is my strength and my song,  
 and he has become my salvation.  
 There is a sound of exultation and victory  
 in the tents of the righteous:  
 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!  
 the right hand of the Lord is exalted!  
 the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!" **R**

I shall not die, but live,  
 and declare the works of the Lord.  
 The Lord has punished me sorely,  
 but he did not hand me over to death.  
 Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
 I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the  
 Lord. **R**

"This is the gate of the Lord;  
 whoever is righteous may enter."  
 I will give thanks to you, for you answered  
 me  
 and have become my salvation.  
 The same stone which the builders rejected  
 has become the chief corner-stone. **R**

This is the Lord's doing,  
 and it is marvellous in our eyes.  
 On this day the Lord has acted;  
 we will rejoice and be glad in it. **R**

## SECOND READING

### Either 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the  
 Corinthians.

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ,  
 we are of all people most to be pitied, but  
 in fact Christ has been raised from the dead,  
 the first fruits of those who have died. For  
 since death came through a human being,  
 the resurrection of the dead has also come  
 through a human being; for as all die in  
 Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.  
 But each in his own order: Christ the first  
 fruits, then at his coming those who belong  
 to Christ. Then comes the end, when he  
 hands over the kingdom to God the Father,  
 after he has destroyed every ruler and every  
 authority and power. For he must reign until  
 he has put all his enemies under his feet. The  
 last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Or Acts 10:34-43

## GOSPEL

### Either John 20:1-18

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

Early on the first day of the week, while it was  
 still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb  
 and saw that the stone had been removed  
 from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon  
 Peter and the other disciple, the one whom  
 Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have  
 taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do  
 not know where they have laid him." Then  
 Peter and the other disciple set out and went  
 towards the tomb. The two were running  
 together, but the other disciple outran Peter  
 and reached the tomb first. He bent down  
 to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying  
 there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter  
 came, following him, and went into the tomb.  
 He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and  
 the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not  
 lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up  
 in a place by itself. Then the other disciple,  
 who reached the tomb first, also went in, and  
 he saw and believed; for as yet they did not  
 understand the scripture, that he must rise  
 from the dead. Then the disciples returned  
 to their homes. But Mary stood weeping  
 outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent  
 over to look into the tomb; and she saw  
 two angels in white, sitting where the body  
 of Jesus had been lying, one at the head  
 and the other at the feet. They said to her,  
 "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said  
 to them, "They have taken away my Lord,  
 and I do not know where they have laid him."  
 When she had said this, she turned around  
 and saw Jesus standing there, but she did  
 not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her,  
 "Woman, why are you weeping? For whom  
 are you looking?" Supposing him to be the  
 gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have  
 carried him away, tell me where you have  
 laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus  
 said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to  
 him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means  
 Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on  
 to me, because I have not yet ascended to  
 the Father. But go to my brothers and say  
 to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and  
 your Father, to my God and your God.'"  
 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the  
 disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told  
 them that he had said these things to her.

Or Luke 24:1-12

## POST COMMUNION

God of Life,  
 who for our redemption gave your  
 only-begotten Son  
 to the death of the cross,  
 and by his glorious resurrection  
 have delivered us from the power of our  
 enemy:  
 grant us so to die daily to sin,  
 that we may evermore live with him  
 in the joy of his risen life;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.