

## COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you have given us your servants grace,  
by the confession of a true faith,  
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal  
Trinity  
and in the power of the divine majesty to  
worship the Unity:  
keep us steadfast in this faith,  
that we may evermore be defended from  
all adversities;  
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 Isaiah 6:1-8

*A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.*

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw  
the Lord sitting on a throne, high and  
lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the  
temple. Seraphs were in attendance  
above him; each had six wings: with two  
they covered their faces, and with two  
they covered their feet, and with two  
they flew. And one called to another and  
said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of  
hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."  
The pivots on the thresholds shook at  
the voices of those who called, and the  
house filled with smoke. And I said:  
"Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of  
unclean lips, and I live among a people  
of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen  
the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one  
of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live  
coal that had been taken from the altar  
with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched  
my mouth with it and said: "Now that  
this has touched your lips, your guilt  
has departed and your sin is blotted  
out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord  
saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will  
go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send  
me!"

## PSALM Psalm 29

**R** *The Lord shall give his people  
the blessing of peace.*

or

**R** *In God's temple all cry "Glory!"*

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to his  
name;  
worship the Lord in the beauty of  
holiness. **R**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders;  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.  
The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of  
splendour. **R**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar  
trees;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;  
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild  
ox. **R**

The voice of the Lord splits the flames  
of fire;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the  
wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.  
The voice of the Lord makes the oak  
trees writhe  
and strips the forests bare.  
And in the temple of the Lord  
all are crying, "Glory!"  
The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king for  
evermore.  
The Lord shall give strength to his  
people;  
the Lord shall give his people the  
blessing of peace. **R**

## SECOND READING Romans 8:12-17

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

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not  
to the flesh, to live according to the flesh  
– for if you live according to the flesh,  
you will die; but if by the Spirit you put  
to death the deeds of the body, you will  
live. For all who are led by the Spirit of  
God are children of God. For you did not  
receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into  
fear, but you have received a spirit of  
adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!"  
it is that very Spirit bearing witness with  
our spirit that we are children of God,  
and if children, then heirs, heirs of God  
and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we  
suffer with him so that we may also be  
glorified with him.

## GOSPEL John 3:1-17

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus,  
a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus  
by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we  
know that you are a teacher who has

come from God; for no one can do  
these signs that you do apart from the  
presence of God." Jesus answered him,  
"Very truly, I tell you, no one can see  
the kingdom of God without being born  
from above." Nicodemus said to him,  
"How can anyone be born after having  
grown old? Can one enter a second time  
into the mother's womb and be born?"  
Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you,  
no one can enter the kingdom of God  
without being born of water and Spirit.  
What is born of the flesh is flesh, and  
what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not  
be astonished that I said to you, 'You  
must be born from above.' The wind  
blows where it chooses, and you hear the  
sound of it, but you do not know where  
it comes from or where it goes. So it is  
with everyone who is born of the Spirit."  
Nicodemus said to him, "How can these  
things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are  
you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do  
not understand these things? Very truly, I  
tell you, we speak of what we know and  
testify to what we have seen; yet you  
do not receive our testimony. If I have  
told you about earthly things and you do  
not believe, how can you believe if I tell  
you about heavenly things? No one has  
ascended into heaven except the one  
who descended from heaven, the Son  
of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the  
serpent in the wilderness, so must the  
Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever  
believes in him may have eternal life. For  
God so loved the world that he gave his  
only Son, so that everyone who believes  
in him may not perish but may have  
eternal life. Indeed, God did not send  
the Son into the world to condemn the  
world, but in order that the world might  
be saved through him."

## POST COMMUNION

Almighty and eternal God,  
you have revealed yourself as Father,  
Son and Holy Spirit,  
and live and reign in the perfect unity of  
love:  
hold us firm in this faith,  
that we may know you in all your ways  
and evermore rejoice in your eternal  
glory,  
who are three Persons yet one God,  
now and for ever.