

## COLLECT

Almighty God,  
whose Son revealed in signs and  
miracles  
the wonder of your saving presence:  
renew your people with your  
heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your mighty power;  
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 9:1-4

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

There will be no gloom for those  
who were in anguish. In the former  
time he brought into contempt the  
land of Zebulun and the land of  
Naphtali, but in the latter time he  
will make glorious the way of the  
sea, the land beyond the Jordan,  
Galilee of the nations. The people  
who walked in darkness have seen  
a great light; those who lived in a  
land of deep darkness – on them  
light has shined. You have multiplied  
the nation, you have increased its  
joy; they rejoice before you as with  
joy at the harvest, as people exult  
when dividing plunder. For the yoke  
of their burden, and the bar across  
their shoulders, the rod of their  
oppressor, you have broken as on  
the day of Midian.

## PSALM Psalm 27:1. 4-12

**R** *The Lord is my light and my  
salvation;  
[whom then shall I fear?]*

The Lord is my light and my  
salvation;  
whom then shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life;  
of whom then shall I be afraid? **R**

One thing have I asked of the Lord;  
one thing I seek;  
that I may dwell in the house of the  
Lord  
all the days of my life;  
to behold the fair beauty of the Lord  
and to seek him in his temple. **R**

For in the day of trouble  
he shall keep me safe in his shelter;

he shall hide me in the secrecy of  
his dwelling  
and set me high upon a rock. **R**

Even now he lifts up my head  
above my enemies round about me;  
Therefore I will offer in his dwelling  
an oblation  
with sounds of great gladness;  
I will sing and make music to the  
Lord. **R**

Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when  
I call;  
have mercy on me and answer me.  
You speak in my heart and say,  
“Seek my face.”  
Your face, Lord, will I seek. **R**

Hide not your face from me,  
nor turn away your servant in  
displeasure.  
You have been my helper;  
cast me not away;  
do not forsake me, O God of my  
salvation. **R**

## SECOND READING

### 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

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

I appeal to you, brothers and  
sisters, by the name of our Lord  
Jesus Christ, that all of you be in  
agreement and that there be no  
divisions among you, but that you  
be united in the same mind and  
the same purpose. For it has been  
reported to me by Chloe’s people  
that there are quarrels among you,  
my brothers and sisters. What I mean  
is that each of you says, “I belong to  
Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or  
“I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong  
to Christ.” Has Christ been divided?  
Was Paul crucified for you? Or were  
you baptized in the name of Paul? I  
thank God that I baptized none of  
you except Crispus and Gaius, so  
that no one can say that you were  
baptized in my name. I did baptize  
also the household of Stephanas;  
beyond that, I do not know whether  
I baptized anyone else. For Christ  
did not send me to baptize but to  
proclaim the gospel, and not with  
eloquent wisdom, so that the cross  
of Christ might not be emptied of its  
power. For the message about the  
cross is foolishness to those who are

perishing, but to us who are being  
saved it is the power of God.

## GOSPEL Matthew 4:12-23

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

When Jesus heard that John had  
been arrested, he withdrew to  
Galilee. He left Nazareth and made  
his home in Capernaum by the  
sea, in the territory of Zebulun and  
Naphtali, so that what had been  
spoken through the prophet Isaiah  
might be fulfilled: “Land of Zebulun,  
land of Naphtali, on the road by  
the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee  
of the Gentiles – the people who  
sat in darkness have seen a great  
light, and for those who sat in the  
region and shadow of death light  
has dawned.” From that time Jesus  
began to proclaim, “Repent, for  
the kingdom of heaven has come  
near.” As he walked by the Sea of  
Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon,  
who is called Peter, and Andrew his  
brother, casting a net into the lake –  
for they were fishermen. And he said  
to them, “Follow me, and I will make  
you fish for people.” Immediately  
they left their nets and followed  
him. As he went from there, he saw  
two other brothers, James son of  
Zebedee and his brother John, in  
the boat with their father Zebedee,  
mending their nets, and he called  
them. Immediately they left the  
boat and their father, and followed  
him. Jesus went throughout Galilee,  
teaching in their synagogues and  
proclaiming the good news of the  
kingdom and curing every disease  
and every sickness among the  
people.

## POST COMMUNION

Almighty Father,  
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
is the light of the world:  
may your people,  
illuminated by your word and  
sacraments,  
shine with the radiance of his glory,  
that he may be known, worshipped,  
and obeyed to the ends of the  
earth;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and  
for ever.