

## COLLECT

O God, the protector of all who trust  
in you,  
without whom nothing is strong,  
nothing is holy:  
increase and multiply upon us your  
mercy;  
that with you as our ruler and guide  
we may so pass through things  
temporal  
that we lose not our hold on things  
eternal;  
grant this, heavenly Father,  
for our Lord 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

Either **Job 38:1-11**

*A reading from the book of Job.*

The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements – surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb? – when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped?'"

Or **1 Samuel 17:[1a. 4-11. 19-23] 32-49**

## PSALM Psalm 107:1-3. 23-32

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

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
and his mercy endures for ever.  
Let all those whom the Lord has  
redeemed proclaim  
that he redeemed them from the  
hand of the foe.

He gathered them out of the lands;  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the  
south. **R**

Some went down to the sea in ships  
and plied their trade in deep waters;  
They beheld the works of the Lord  
and his wonders in the deep.  
Then he spoke and a stormy wind  
arose,  
which tossed high the waves of the  
sea. **R**

They mounted up to the heavens  
and fell back to the depths;  
their hearts melted because of their  
peril.

They reeled and staggered like  
drunkards  
and were at their wits' end.  
Then they cried to the Lord in their  
trouble,  
and he delivered them from their  
distress. **R**

He stilled the storm to a whisper  
and quieted the waves of the sea.  
Then were they glad because of the  
calm,  
and he brought them  
to the harbour they were bound for. **R**

Let them give thanks to the Lord for  
his mercy  
and the wonders he does for his  
children.  
Let them exalt him in the  
congregation of the people  
and praise him in the council of the  
elders. **R**

## SECOND READING

**2 Corinthians 6:1-13**

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

As we work together with Christ,  
we urge you also not to accept  
the grace of God in vain. For he  
says, "At an acceptable time I have  
listened to you, and on a day of  
salvation I have helped you." See,  
now is the acceptable time; see,  
now is the day of salvation! We are  
putting no obstacle in anyone's way,  
so that no fault may be found with  
our ministry, but as servants of God  
we have commended ourselves in  
every way: through great endurance,  
in afflictions, hardships, calamities,  
beatings, imprisonments, riots,

labours, sleepless nights, hunger;  
by purity, knowledge, patience,  
kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine  
love, truthful speech, and the  
power of God; with the weapons of  
righteousness for the right hand and  
for the left; in honour and dishonour,  
in ill repute and good repute. We  
are treated as impostors, and yet are  
true; as unknown, and yet are well  
known; as dying, and see – we are  
alive; as punished, and yet not killed;  
as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing;  
as poor, yet making many rich; as  
having nothing, and yet possessing  
everything. We have spoken frankly  
to you Corinthians; our heart is wide  
open to you. There is no restriction  
in our affections, but only in yours. In  
return – I speak as to children – open  
wide your hearts also.

## GOSPEL Mark 4:35-end

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

When evening had come, Jesus said  
to his disciples, "Let us go across  
to the other side." And leaving the  
crowd behind, they took him with  
them in the boat, just as he was.  
Other boats were with him. A great  
gale arose, and the waves beat into  
the boat, so that the boat was already  
being swamped. But he was in the  
stern, asleep on the cushion; and  
they woke him up and said to him,  
"Teacher, do you not care that we are  
perishing?" He woke up and rebuked  
the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace!  
Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and  
there was a dead calm. He said to  
them, "Why are you afraid? Have  
you still no faith?" And they were  
filled with great awe and said to one  
another, "Who then is this, that even  
the wind and the sea obey him?"

## POST COMMUNION

Eternal God,  
comfort of the afflicted and healer of  
the broken,  
you have fed us at the table of life  
and hope:  
teach us the ways of gentleness and  
peace,  
that all the world may acknowledge  
the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ  
our Lord.