

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.

Or **2 Kings 2:1-2. 6-14**

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.