

COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty
days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet
without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in
obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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 Genesis 9:8-17

A reading from the book of Genesis.

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

PSALM Psalm 25:1-9

R Remember, Lord, your compassion and love.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
O my God, in you I trust;
let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies triumph over me.
Let none who look to you be put to
shame,
but let the treacherous be shamed
and frustrated. **R**

Make me to know your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you have I hoped all the day long.
Remember, Lord, your compassion
and love, for they are from everlasting. **R**

Remember not the sins of my youth or
my transgressions,
but think on me in your goodness, O
Lord,
according to your steadfast love.
Gracious and upright is the Lord;
therefore shall he teach sinners in the
way. **R**

He will guide the humble in doing right
and teach his way to the lowly.
All the paths of the Lord are mercy
and truth
to those who keep his covenant and
his testimonies. **R**

SECOND READING 1 Peter 3:18-end

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Christ also suffered for sins once for
all, the righteous for the unrighteous,
in order to bring you to God. He was
put to death in the flesh, but made
alive in the spirit, in which also he
went and made a proclamation to
the spirits in prison, who in former
times did not obey, when God waited
patiently in the days of Noah, during
the building of the ark, in which a

few, that is, eight persons, were saved
through water. And baptism, which
this prefigured, now saves you – not
as a removal of dirt from the body,
but as an appeal to God for a good
conscience, through the resurrection
of Jesus Christ, who has gone into
heaven and is at the right hand of
God, with angels, authorities, and
powers made subject to him.

GOSPEL Mark 1:9-15

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

In those days Jesus came from
Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized
by John in the Jordan. And just as he
was coming up out of the water, he
saw the heavens torn apart and the
Spirit descending like a dove on him.
And a voice came from heaven, "You
are my Son, the Beloved; with you
I am well pleased." And the Spirit
immediately drove him out into the
wilderness. He was in the wilderness
forty days, tempted by Satan; and
he was with the wild beasts; and the
angels waited on him. Now after
John was arrested, Jesus came to
Galilee, proclaiming the good news
of God, and saying, "The time is
fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has
come near; repent, and believe in the
good news."

POST COMMUNION

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living
bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who
is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from out of your
mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

