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**COLLECT**

God of compassion,  
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of  
Mary, shared the life of a home in  
Nazareth, and on the cross drew the  
whole human family to himself:  
strengthen us in our daily living that in  
joy and in sorrow we may know the  
power of your presence to bind  
together and to heal; 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. **Amen.**

**1 SAMUEL 1. 20-28**

A reading from the first book of  
Samuel.

In due time Hannah conceived and  
bore a son. She named him Samuel,  
for she said, 'I have asked him of the  
Lord.'

The man Elkanah and all his  
household went up to offer to the  
Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his  
vow. But Hannah did not go up, for  
she said to her husband, 'As soon as  
the child is weaned, I will bring him,  
that he may appear in the presence of  
the Lord, and remain there for ever; I  
will offer him as a nazirite for all time.'  
Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do  
what seems best to you, wait until you

have weaned him; only—may the Lord  
establish his word.' So the woman  
remained and nursed her son, until she  
weaned him. When she had weaned  
him, she took him up with her, along  
with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of  
flour, and a skin of wine. She brought  
him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh;  
and the child was young. Then they  
slaughtered the bull, and they brought  
the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my  
lord! As you live, my lord, I am the  
woman who was standing here in your  
presence, praying to the Lord. For this  
child I prayed; and the Lord has  
granted me the petition that I made to  
him. Therefore I have lent him to the  
Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to  
the Lord.'

She left him there for the Lord.

For the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 127. 1-4**

**R: Children are a heritage from the  
Lord.**

Unless the Lord builds the house,  
those who build it labour in vain.

Unless the Lord keeps the city, the  
guard keeps watch in vain. **R:**

It is in vain that you hasten to rise up  
early and go so late to rest, eating the  
bread of toil, for he gives his beloved

sleep. Children are a heritage from the Lord and the fruit of the womb is his gift. **R:**

## **2 CORINTHIANS 1. 3-7**

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

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

For the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **JOHN 19. 25-27**

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his

mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you, you comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds: in your compassion bring grace and forgiveness; and may your love in this sacrament prepare us for the beauty of heaven; where you are alive and reign, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **POST COMMUNION**

Loving God,  
as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

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