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COLLECT

God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us from the power of  
darkness and brought us into the kingdom  
of your Son: grant, that as by his death he  
has recalled us to life, so by his continual  
presence in us he may raise us  
to eternal joy;  
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.**

ACTS 17. 22-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and  
said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely  
religious you are in every way. For as I  
went through the city and looked  
carefully at the objects of your worship, I  
found among them an altar with the  
inscription, “To an unknown god.” What  
therefore you worship as unknown, this I  
proclaim to you. The God who made the  
world and everything in it, he who is  
Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in  
shrines made by human hands, nor is he  
served by human hands, as though he  
needed anything, since he himself gives to  
all mortals life and breath and all  
things. From one ancestor he made all  
nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he

allotted the times of their existence and  
the boundaries of the places where they  
would live, so that they would search for  
God and perhaps grope for him and find  
him—though indeed he is not far from  
each one of us. For “In him we live and  
move and have our being”; as even some  
of your own poets have said,  
“For we too are his offspring.”  
Since we are God’s offspring, we ought  
not to think that the deity is like gold, or  
silver, or stone, an image formed by the  
art and imagination of mortals. While  
God has overlooked the times of human  
ignorance, now he commands all people  
everywhere to repent, because he has  
fixed a day on which he will have the  
world judged in righteousness by a man  
whom he has appointed, and of this he has  
given assurance to all by raising him from  
the dead.’

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

PSALM 66. 7-18

**R: Bless our God, you peoples.  
Alleluia!**

Bless our God, O you peoples; make the  
voice of his praise to be heard, Who holds  
our souls in life and suffers not our feet to  
slip. **R:**

For you, O God, have proved us; you

have tried us as silver is tried. You brought us into the snare; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs. You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; but you brought us out into a place of liberty. **R:**

I will come into your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows, which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble. I will offer you fat burnt sacrifices with the smoke of rams; I will sacrifice oxen and goats. **R:**

Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he has done for my soul. I called out to him with my mouth and his praise was on my tongue. If I had nursed evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me, **R:**

But in truth God has heard me; he has heeded the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld his loving mercy from me. **R:**

## 1 PETER 3. 13-22

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For 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 people, 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.

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

## JOHN 14. 15-21

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They

who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord Jesus Christ, bread of life,  
as we come to you in this supper  
grant us never to hunger;  
grant that, believing in you,  
we may never thirst;  
we ask this in your name  
who are alive and reign now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION

Bountiful God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of  
eternal life:  
may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

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