

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.

PSALM Psalm 16

R *The Lord is at my right hand; I shall not fall.*

Preserve me, O God, for in you have
I taken refuge;
I have said to the Lord, "You are my lord,
all my good depends on you."
All my delight is upon the godly that are
in the land,
upon those who are noble in heart. **R**

Though the idols are legion
that many run after,

their drink offerings of blood I will not
offer,
neither make mention of their names
upon my lips.

The Lord himself is my portion and my cup;
in your hands alone is my fortune. **R**

My share has fallen in a fair land;
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
I will bless the Lord who has given me
counsel,
and in the night watches he instructs my
heart. **R**

I have set the Lord always before me;
he is at my right hand; I shall not fall.
Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit
rejoices;
my flesh also shall rest secure. **R**

For you will not abandon my soul to
Death,
nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.
You will show me the path of life;
in your presence is the 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.

