

June 11th 2023

Collect

O God,
you have assured the human family of eternal life
through Jesus Christ our Saviour:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in him,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

1st Reading

Isaiah 42:5-9

5 This is what God the LORD says— the Creator of the heavens,
who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that
springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those
who walk on it:

6 “I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of
your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for
the people and a light for the Gentiles,

7 to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to
release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

8 “I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to
another or my praise to idols.

9 See, the former things have taken place, and new things I
declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you.”

Psalm

Psalm 33.1-12

1 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous:
for it befits the just to praise him.

2 Give the Lord thanks upon the harp:
and sing his praise to the lute of ten strings.

3 O sing him a new song:
make sweetest melody, with shouts of praise.

- 4 For the word of the Lord is true:
and all his works are faithful.
- 5 He loves righteousness and justice:
the earth is filled with the loving-kindness of the Lord.
- 6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made:
and their numberless stars by the breath of his mouth.
- 7 He gathered the waters of the sea as in a water-skin:
and laid up the deep in his treasuries.
- 8 Let the whole earth fear the Lord:
and let all the inhabitants of the world
stand in awe of him.
- 9 For he spoke, and it was done:
he commanded, and it stood fast.
- 10 The Lord frustrates the counsels of the nations:
he brings to nothing the devices of the peoples.
- 11 But the counsels of the Lord shall endure for ever:
the purposes of his heart from generation to generation.
- 12 Blessed is that nation whose God is the Lord:
the people he chose to be his own possession.

2nd Reading

Romans 1.1-17

- 1 Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God—
- 2 the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures
- 3 regarding his Son, who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David,
- 4 and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.
- 5 Through him we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith for his name's sake.
- 6 And you also are among those Gentiles who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

7 To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be his holy people: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world.

9 God, whom I serve in my spirit in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness how constantly I remember you

10 in my prayers at all times; and I pray that now at last by God's will the way may be opened for me to come to you.

11 I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong—

12 that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith.

13 I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that I planned many times to come to you (but have been prevented from doing so until now) in order that I might have a harvest among you, just as I have had among the other Gentiles.

14 I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish.

15 That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are in Rome.

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.

17 For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

Gospel

John 6:26-40

26 Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill.

27 Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval."

28 Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?”

29 Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.”

30 So they asked him, “What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do?”

31 Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’ ”

32 Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.

33 For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

34 “Sir,” they said, “always give us this bread.”

35 Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

36 But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe.

37 All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away.

38 For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me.

39 And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day.

40 For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.”