

**COLLECT**

Almighty God,  
 who sent your Holy Spirit  
 to be the life and light of your Church:  
 open our hearts to the riches of your  
 grace,  
 that we may bring forth the fruit of the  
 Spirit  
 in love and joy and peace;  
 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 1 Kings 19:9-18**

*A reading from the first book of Kings.*  
 When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain  
 of God, he came to a cave, and spent  
 the night there. Then the word of the  
 LORD came to him, saying, "What are  
 you doing here, Elijah?" He answered,  
 "I have been very zealous for the LORD,  
 the God of hosts; for the Israelites have  
 forsaken your covenant, thrown down  
 your altars, and killed your prophets  
 with the sword. I alone am left, and they  
 are seeking my life, to take it away." He  
 said, "Go out and stand on the mountain  
 before the LORD, for the LORD is about  
 to pass by." Now there was a great wind,  
 so strong that it was splitting mountains  
 and breaking rocks in pieces before the  
 LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind;  
 and after the wind an earthquake, but  
 the LORD was not in the earthquake;  
 and after the earthquake a fire, but the  
 LORD was not in the fire; and after the  
 fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah  
 heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle  
 and went out and stood at the entrance  
 of the cave. Then there came a voice  
 to him that said, "What are you doing  
 here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been  
 very zealous for the LORD, the God of  
 hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken  
 your covenant, thrown down your altars,  
 and killed your prophets with the sword.  
 I alone am left, and they are seeking my  
 life, to take it away." Then the LORD said  
 to him, "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. Whoever escapes  
 from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill;

and whoever escapes from the sword of  
 Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven  
 thousand in Israel, all the knees that have  
 not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that  
 has not kissed him."

**PSALM Psalm 85:8-13**

**R** Show us your mercy, O Lord.

I will listen to what the Lord God will say,  
 for he shall speak peace to his people and  
 to the faithful, that they turn not again  
 to folly.

Truly, his salvation is near to those who  
 fear him,  
 that his glory may dwell in our land. **R**

Mercy and truth are met together,  
 righteousness and peace have kissed each  
 other;

Truth shall spring up from the earth  
 and righteousness look down from  
 heaven. **R**

The Lord will indeed give all that is good,  
 and our land will yield its increase.  
 Righteousness shall go before him  
 and direct his steps in the way. **R**

**SECOND READING**

**Romans 10:5-15**

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the  
 Romans.*

Moses writes concerning the  
 righteousness that comes from the law,  
 that "the person who does these things  
 will live by them." But the righteousness  
 that comes from faith says, "Do not  
 say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into  
 heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down)  
 "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'"  
 (that is, to bring Christ up from the  
 dead). But what does it say? "The word  
 is near you, on your lips and in your  
 heart" (that is, the word of faith that we  
 proclaim); because if you confess with  
 your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in  
 your heart that God raised him from the  
 dead, you will be saved. For one believes  
 with the heart and so is justified, and  
 one confesses with the mouth and so is  
 saved. The scripture says, "No one who  
 believes in him will be put to shame." For  
 there is no distinction between Jew and  
 Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and  
 is generous to all who call on him. For,  
 "Everyone who calls on the name of the  
 Lord shall be saved." But how are they  
 to call on one in whom they have not

believed? And how are they to believe in  
 one of whom they have never heard? And  
 how are they to hear without someone  
 to proclaim him? And how are they to  
 proclaim him unless they are sent? As it  
 is written, "How beautiful are the feet of  
 those who bring good news!"

**GOSPEL Matthew 14:22-33**

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

Immediately after feeding the crowd  
 with the five loaves and two fish, Jesus  
 made the disciples get into the boat and  
 go on ahead to the other side, while  
 he dismissed the crowds. And after he  
 had dismissed the crowds, he went up  
 the mountain by himself to pray. When  
 evening came, he was there alone, but by  
 this time the boat, battered by the waves,  
 was far from the land, for the wind was  
 against them. And early in the morning he  
 came walking towards them on the lake.  
 But when the disciples saw him walking  
 on the lake, they were terrified, saying,  
 "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.  
 But immediately Jesus spoke to them  
 and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be  
 afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it  
 is you, command me to come to you on  
 the water." He said, "Come." So Peter  
 got out of the boat, started walking on  
 the water, and came towards Jesus. But  
 when he noticed the strong wind, he  
 became frightened, and beginning to  
 sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus  
 immediately reached out his hand and  
 caught him, saying to him, "You of little  
 faith, why did you doubt?" When they got  
 into the boat, the wind ceased. And those  
 in the boat worshipped him, saying, "Truly  
 you are the Son of God."

**POST COMMUNION**

Holy Father,  
 who gathered us here around the table of  
 your Son  
 to share this meal with the whole  
 household of God:  
 in that new world where you reveal the  
 fullness of your peace,  
 gather people of every race and language  
 to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus  
 Christ our Lord.



Show us your mer-cy, O Lord.