

COLLECT

God our creator,
who in the beginning
commanded the light to shine out of
darkness:
we pray that the light of the glorious
gospel of Christ
may dispel the darkness of ignorance
and unbelief,
shine into the hearts of all your people,
and reveal the knowledge of your
glory in the face of 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

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses spoke to the people; he said:
The LORD your God will raise up for
you a prophet like me from among
your own people; you shall heed
such a prophet. This is what you
requested of the LORD your God at
Horeb on the day of the assembly
when you said: "If I hear the voice
of the LORD my God any more,
or ever again see this great fire, I
will die." Then the LORD replied
to me: "They are right in what they
have said. I will raise up for them a
prophet like you from among their
own people; I will put my words
in the mouth of the prophet, who
shall speak to them everything that
I command. Anyone who does not
heed the words that the prophet
shall speak in my name, I myself will
hold accountable. But any prophet
who speaks in the name of other
gods, or who presumes to speak
in my name a word that I have not
commanded the prophet to speak –
that prophet shall die."

PSALM Psalm 111

R *The Lord is gracious and
full of compassion.*



Alleluia.

I will give thanks to the Lord with my
whole heart,
in the company of the faithful and in
the congregation.
The works of the Lord are great,
sought out by all who delight in them.
His work is full of majesty and honour
and his righteousness endures for
ever. **R**

He appointed a memorial for his
marvellous deeds;
the Lord is gracious and full of
compassion.
He gave food to those who feared him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
He showed his people the power of
his works
in giving them the heritage of the
nations.
The works of his hands are truth and
justice;
all his commandments are sure. **R**

They stand fast for ever and ever;
they are done in truth and equity.
He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever;
holy and awesome is his name.
The fear of the Lord is the beginning
of wisdom;
a good understanding have those who
live by it;
his praise endures for ever. **R**

SECOND READING

Revelation 12:1-5a

A reading from the book of Revelation.

A great portent appeared in heaven:
a woman clothed with the sun, with
the moon under her feet, and on her
head a crown of twelve stars. She
was pregnant and was crying out in
birth pangs, in the agony of giving
birth. Then another portent appeared

in heaven: a great red dragon, with
seven heads and ten horns, and seven
diadems on his heads. His tail swept
down a third of the stars of heaven
and threw them to the earth. Then
the dragon stood before the woman
who was about to bear a child, so that
he might devour her child as soon as
it was born. And she gave birth to a
son, a male child, who is to rule all the
nations with a rod of iron.

GOSPEL Mark 1:21-28

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

The disciples went to Capernaum;
and when the sabbath came, he
entered the synagogue and taught.
They were astounded at his teaching,
for he taught them as one having
authority, and not as the scribes. Just
then there was in their synagogue
a man with an unclean spirit, and
he cried out, "What have you to do
with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you
come to destroy us? I know who you
are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus
rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and
come out of him!" And the unclean
spirit, throwing him into convulsions
and crying with a loud voice, came
out of him. They were all amazed,
and they kept on asking one another,
"What is this? A new teaching – with
authority! He commands even the
unclean spirits, and they obey him."
At once his fame began to spread
throughout the surrounding region of
Galilee.

POST COMMUNION

Generous Lord,
in word and eucharist we have
proclaimed the mystery of your
love:
help us so to live out our days
that we may be signs of your
wonders in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

