

**COLLECT**

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to Himself: strengthen us in our daily living - that in joy and in sorrow - we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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 Samuel 1.20,24-28**

*A reading from the first book of Samuel.*

Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the LORD.'

When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh; and the child was young.

Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. For this child I prayed; and the LORD has granted me the petition that I made to him.

Therefore I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he is given to the LORD.' She left him there for the LORD.

**PSALM**

**Psalm 34.11-20**

**✠ I will teach you the fear of the Lord.**

11 Come, children, and listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.



12 Who among you loves life and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?

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13 Keep your tongue from evil-speaking and your lips from lying words.

14 Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

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15 The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry.

16 The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

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17 The righteous cry and the Lord hears them and delivers them from all their troubles.

18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and will save those whose spirits are crushed.

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19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.

20 He will keep safe all his bones; not one of them shall be broken.

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**SECOND READING**

**2 Corinthians 1.3-7**

*A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.*

Blessèd be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ.

If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for

your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering.

Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

**GOSPEL**

**John 19.25b-27**

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

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.'

Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

**POST COMMUNION**

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast - you feed us, in this sacrament, with the food and drink of eternal life: help us, who have tasted your goodness, to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessèd are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.*

*Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.*