

**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)  
Acts 5:27-32  
Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150  
Revelation 1:4-8  
John 20:19-31

**Suggested ReClaim texts**  
(same)



**COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, we pray that we who have celebrated the solemnities of the Lord's resurrection, may bring forth its fruits in our life and conversation; through the same, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (*Optional Supplications for*)**

**ON THE GOSPEL READING • John 20:19-31**

Lord Jesus Christ, you appeared to reclusive disciples and dispatched them to be witnesses of your bodily resurrection. "As the Father sent me, so I send you." Send now your church into all the world, as you were sent, to not only declare the Word of life, but to demonstrate its power in new lives raised from the dominion of death to walk in newness of life. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR HOLINESS**

Lord God, you call your people to be holy, that we may serve your saving purposes for the world. Take from us all worldliness and waywardness that renders us useless to our calling, and by your Word sanctify us in holiness. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR FAITHFUL TEACHERS / MINISTERS**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you commanded us to pray for laborers for the harvest. Raise up faithful teachers and ministers of your Word, and put your saving Gospel in their hearts and on their lips, that they may teach and preach nothing contrary to your holy Word, that we, being instructed by your Word, may do those things which are pleasing to you. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THOSE IN AFFLICTION**

O Lord, comforter of the sorrowing and strength of the weak, hear our prayers for all who suffer illness and distress, that whatever their needs they may receive and know your help and comfort. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THOSE DEPARTED**

We give thanks everlasting Father, for your servants who have departed this life in faith, and now share the joys of your heavenly Kingdom. We humbly ask that with them we may live in Christ and die in him, and finally awoken in his likeness in the resurrection to life everlasting. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Lord, we thank you that you have taught us what you would have us believe and do. Help us to keep your Word in pure hearts, so we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and in death. **Amen.**

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