

**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)  
Acts 1:1-11  
Psalm 47 or Psalm 93  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
Luke 24:44-53

**Suggested ReClaim texts**  
(same)



**COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty, everlasting God, help us to have always a devout will towards you, and the desire to serve your sovereign purposes with a pure heart; through your Son, Jesus Christ, 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 • Luke 24:44-53**

Our risen and ascended Lord, we pray that you would continue to open our minds to understand Scripture, and clothe us with power from on high, that we may proclaim to the nations that you are risen from the dead, and ascended into heaven, where you reign as Lord and Savior of all. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank you that in your great mercy you have given us your holy and blessed Word, by which you also gather your Christian church. We humbly ask you to grant us your Holy Spirit that we may receive your Word with thankful hearts, and live according to it, and ever increase in Christian faith, hope, and love, and at the last obtain eternal salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR GRACE TO DO GOD’S WILL**

Almighty God, enable us to put off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light, now in this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility, that on the last day when he comes again in glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead we may be raised to life everlasting. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR GRACE TO KNOW AND FOLLOW CHRIST**

Almighty God, to know you is life eternal. Grant us to know your Son, Jesus Christ, as the Way, the Truth, and the Life, that following in his steps, we may faithfully walk with him in the way that leads to eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR CONTENTMENT**

Protect us, O Lord, from distrust of your fatherly care, whenever we become overly anxious about our earthly needs, and direct us anew to live for the hallowing of your name, the coming of your Kingdom, and the doing of your will. 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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