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Collect

Good Lord,
who ever keeps us under the shadow of your mercy
in times of uncertainty and distress,
sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us
from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings

Psalms 145:1-13 (NIV)

[1] I will exalt you, my God the King;
I will praise your name for ever and ever.
[2] Every day I will praise you
and extol your name for ever and ever.
[3] Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;
his greatness no one can fathom.
[4] One generation commends your works to another;
they tell of your mighty acts.
[5] They speak of the glorious splendour of your majesty—
and I will meditate on your wonderful works.
[6] They tell of the power of your awesome works—
and I will proclaim your great deeds.
[7] They celebrate your abundant goodness
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.
[8] The LORD is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and rich in love.
[9] The LORD is good to all;
he has compassion on all he has made.

[10] All your works praise you, LORD;
your faithful people extol you.

[11] They tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your might,

[12] so that all people may know of your mighty acts
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

[13] Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures through all generations.

The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises
and faithful in all he does.

Acts 10:1-21 (NIV)

[1] At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion in what was known as the Italian Regiment. [2] He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly. [3] One day at about three in the afternoon he had a vision. He distinctly saw an angel of God, who came to him and said, “Cornelius!”

[4] Cornelius stared at him in fear. “What is it, Lord?” he asked.

The angel answered, “Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God. [5] Now send men to Joppa to bring back a man named Simon who is called Peter. [6] He is staying with Simon the tanner, whose house is by the sea.”

[7] When the angel who spoke to him had gone, Cornelius called two of his servants and a devout soldier who was one of his attendants. [8] He told them everything that had happened and sent them to Joppa.

[9] About noon the following day as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. [10] He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while the meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance. [11] He saw heaven opened and something like a large sheet being let down to earth by its four corners. [12] It contained all kinds of four-footed animals, as well as reptiles and birds. [13] Then a voice told him, “Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.”

[14] “Surely not, Lord!” Peter replied. “I have never eaten anything impure or unclean.”

[15] The voice spoke to him a second time, “Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.”

[16] This happened three times, and immediately the sheet was taken back to heaven.

[17] While Peter was wondering about the meaning of the vision, the men sent by Cornelius found out where Simon's house was and stopped at the gate. [18] They called out, asking if Simon who was known as Peter was staying there.

[19] While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Simon, three men are looking for you. [20] So get up and go downstairs. Do not hesitate to go with them, for I have sent them."

[21] Peter went down and said to the men, "I'm the one you're looking for. Why have you come?"