

## 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

### Exodus 2:1-10

Now a man from the house of Levi went  
and married a Levite woman.<sup>2</sup>The  
woman conceived and bore a son; and  
when she saw that he was a fine baby,  
she hid him three months.<sup>3</sup>When she  
could hide him no longer she got a  
papyrus basket for him, and plastered it  
with bitumen and pitch; she put the  
child in it and placed it among the reeds  
on the bank of the river.<sup>4</sup>His sister  
stood at a distance, to see what would  
happen to him.<sup>5</sup>The daughter of  
Pharaoh came down to bathe at the  
river, while her attendants walked  
beside the river. She saw the basket  
among the reeds and sent her maid to  
bring it.<sup>6</sup>When she opened it, she saw  
the child. He was crying, and she took  
pity on him. "This must be one of the  
Hebrews' children," she said.<sup>7</sup>Then his  
sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall  
I go and get you a nurse from the  
Hebrew women to nurse the child for  
you?"<sup>8</sup>Pharaoh's daughter said to her,  
"Yes." So the girl went and called the  
child's mother.<sup>9</sup>Pharaoh's daughter  
said to her, "Take this child and nurse it  
for me, and I will give you your wages."  
So the woman took the child and nursed  
it.<sup>10</sup>When the child grew up, she  
brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and  
she took him as her son. She named him

Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him  
out of the water."

## Psalm 34

11 Come, ye children, and hearken  
unto me :  
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.  
12 What man is he that lusteth to live :  
and would fain see good days?  
13 Keep thy tongue from evil :  
and thy lips, that they speak no guile.  
14 Eschew evil, and do good :  
seek peace, and ensue it.  
15 The eyes of the Lord are over the  
righteous :  
and his ears are open unto their  
prayers.  
16 The countenance of the Lord is  
against them that do evil :  
to root out the remembrance of them  
from the earth.  
17 The righteous cry, and the Lord  
heareth them :  
and delivereth them out of all their  
troubles.  
18 The Lord is nigh unto them that are  
of a contrite heart :  
and will save such as be of an humble  
spirit.  
19 Great are the troubles of the  
righteous :  
but the Lord delivereth him out of all.  
20 He keepeth all his bones :  
so that not one of them is broken.

## Second Reading

### Colossians 3: 12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,  
clothe yourselves with compassion,  
kindness, humility, meekness, and  
patience.<sup>13</sup>Bear with one another and,  
if anyone has a complaint against  
another, forgive each other; just as the  
Lord has forgiven you, so you also must  
forgive.<sup>14</sup>Above all, clothe yourselves

with love, which binds everything  
together in perfect harmony.<sup>15</sup>And let  
the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
to which indeed you were called in the  
one body. And be thankful.<sup>16</sup>Let the  
word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach  
and admonish one another in all  
wisdom; and with gratitude in your  
hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual  
songs to God.<sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in  
word or deed, do everything in the  
name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to  
God the Father through him.

## Gospel

### John 19: 25b-27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of  
Jesus were his mother, and his  
mother's sister, Mary the wife of  
Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.<sup>26</sup>When  
Jesus saw his mother and the disciple  
whom he loved standing beside her,  
he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is  
your son.'<sup>27</sup>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.

