



# Revised Common Lectionary

## Saint Simon and Saint Jude, Apostles

### The Collect:

### Rite I:

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### Old Testament: Deuteronomy 32:1-4

<sup>1</sup> Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak; let the earth hear the words of my mouth. <sup>2</sup> May my teaching drop like the rain, my speech condense like the dew; like gentle rain on grass, like showers on new growth. <sup>3</sup> For I will proclaim the name of the Lord; ascribe greatness to our God! <sup>4</sup> The Rock, his work is perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God, without deceit, just and upright is he.

### Psalm: Psalm 119:89-96

<sup>89</sup> O Lord, your word is everlasting; \*  
it stands firm in the heavens.

<sup>90</sup> Your faithfulness remains from one generation to another; \*  
you established the earth, and it abides.

<sup>91</sup> By your decree these continue to this day, \*  
for all things are your servants.

<sup>92</sup> If my delight had not been in your law, \*  
I should have perished in my affliction.  
<sup>93</sup> I will never forget your commandments, \*  
because by them you give me life.  
<sup>94</sup> I am yours; oh, that you would save me! \*  
for I study your commandments.  
<sup>95</sup> Though the wicked lie in wait for me to destroy me, \*  
I will apply my mind to your decrees.  
<sup>96</sup> I see that all things come to an end, \*  
but your commandment has no bounds.

### Epistle: Ephesians 2:13-22

<sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

<sup>14</sup> For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. <sup>15</sup>He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup>and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. <sup>17</sup>So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; <sup>18</sup>for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup>So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup>built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. <sup>21</sup>In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; <sup>22</sup>in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

### Gospel: John 15:17-27

<sup>17</sup> I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

<sup>18</sup> “If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. <sup>19</sup>If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world—therefore the world hates you. <sup>20</sup>Remember the word that I said to you, ‘Servants are not greater than their master.’ If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if

they kept my word, they will keep yours also. <sup>21</sup>But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. <sup>22</sup>If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin. <sup>23</sup>Whoever hates me hates my Father also. <sup>24</sup>If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not have sin. But now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. <sup>25</sup>It was to fulfill the word that is written in their law, ‘They hated me without a cause.’

<sup>26</sup> “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. <sup>27</sup>You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

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