

COLLECT

Eternal Father,
 whose Son Jesus Christ ascended
 to the throne of heaven that he
 might rule over all things as
 Lord and King:
 keep the Church in the unity of
 the Spirit
 and in the bond of peace,
 and bring the whole created order
 to worship at his feet;
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Daniel 7:9-10. 13-14

A reading from the book of Daniel.

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

PSALM Psalm 93

R The Lord shall reign forever and ever.

The Lord is king and has put on
 glorious apparel;
 the Lord has put on his glory
 and girded himself with strength.
 He has made the whole world so
 sure
 that it cannot be moved. **R**

Your throne has been established
 from of old;
 you are from everlasting.
 The floods have lifted up, O Lord,
 the floods have lifted up their
 voice;
 the floods lift up their pounding
 waves. **R**

Mightier than the thunder of
 many waters, mightier than the
 breakers of the sea,
 the Lord on high is mightier.
 Your testimonies are very sure;
 holiness adorns your house, O
 Lord, for ever. **R**

SECOND READING

Revelation 1:4-8

A reading from the book of Revelation.

Grace to you and peace from God
 who is and who was and who
 is to come, and from the seven
 spirits who are before his throne,
 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful
 witness, the firstborn of the
 dead, and the ruler of the kings
 of the earth. To him who loves
 us and freed us from our sins by
 his blood, and made us to be a
 kingdom, priests serving his God
 and Father, to him be glory and
 dominion for ever and ever.

Amen. Look! He is coming with
 the clouds; every eye will see him,
 even those who pierced him; and
 on his account all the tribes of
 the earth will wail. So it is to be.
 Amen. "I am the Alpha and the
 Omega," says the Lord God, who
 is and who was and who is to
 come, the Almighty.

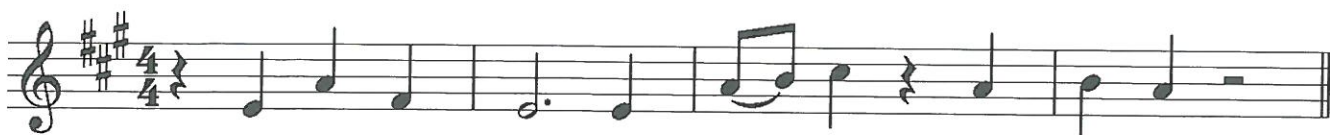
GOSPEL John 18:33-37

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

POST COMMUNION

Stir up, O Lord,
 the wills of your faithful people;
 that they, plenteously bringing
 forth the fruit of good works,
 may by you be plenteously
 rewarded;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.



The Lord shall reign for ev - er and ev - er.