

COLLECT

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God
and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power
and great glory
we may be made like him in his
eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Daniel 12:1-3

A reading from the book of Daniel.
In the third year of King Cyrus a
word was revealed to Daniel.
"At that time Michael, the great
prince, the protector of your people,
shall arise. There shall be a time
of anguish, such as has never
occurred since nations first came
into existence. But at that time your
people shall be delivered, everyone
who is found written in the book.
Many of those who sleep in the dust
of the earth shall awake, some to
everlasting life, and some to shame
and everlasting contempt. Those
who are wise shall shine like the
brightness of the sky, and those who
lead many to righteousness, like the
stars for ever and ever."

PSALM Psalm 16

*R The Lord is at my right hand; I shall
not fall.*

Preserve me, O God, for in you
have I taken refuge;
I have said to the Lord, "You are my
lord, all my good depends on you."
All my delight is upon the godly that
are in the land,
upon those who are noble in heart. *R*
Though the idols are legion
that many run after,
their drink offerings of blood I will
not offer,
neither make mention of their names
upon my lips.
The Lord himself is my portion and
my cup;
in your hands alone is my fortune. *R*

My share has fallen in a fair land;
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
I will bless the Lord who has given
me counsel,
and in the night watches he instructs
my heart. *R*

I have set the Lord always before me;
he is at my right hand; I shall not fall.
Wherefore my heart is glad and my
spirit rejoices;
my flesh also shall rest secure. *R*

For you will not abandon my soul to
Death,
nor suffer your faithful one to see the
Pit.
You will show me the path of life;
in your presence is the fullness of joy
and in your right hand are pleasures
for evermore. *R*

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18], 19-25
A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.
Every priest stands day after day at
his service, offering again and again
the same sacrifices that can never
take away sins. But when Christ had
offered for all time a single sacrifice
for sins, "he sat down at the right
hand of God," and since then has
been waiting "until his enemies
would be made a footstool for his
feet." For by a single offering he has
perfected for all time those who are
sanctified. [And the Holy Spirit also
testifies to us, for after saying, "This
is the covenant that I will make with
them after those days, says the Lord:
I will put my laws in their hearts, and
I will write them on their minds," he
also adds, "I will remember their sins
and their lawless deeds no more."
Where there is forgiveness of these,
there is no longer any offering for
sin.] Therefore, my friends, since
we have confidence to enter the
sanctuary by the blood of Jesus,
by the new and living way that he
opened for us through the curtain
(that is, through his flesh), and
since we have a great priest over
the house of God, let us approach
with a true heart in full assurance
of faith, with our hearts sprinkled
clean from an evil conscience and

our bodies washed with pure water.
Let us hold fast to the confession of
our hope without wavering, for he
who has promised is faithful. And
let us consider how to provoke one
another to love and good deeds, not
neglecting to meet together, as is the
habit of some, but encouraging one
another, and all the more as you see
the Day approaching.

GOSPEL Mark 13:1-8

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark.*
As Jesus came out of the temple, one
of his disciples said to him, "Look,
Teacher, what large stones and what
large buildings!" Then Jesus asked
him, "Do you see these great buildings?
Not one stone will be left here upon
another; all will be thrown down."
When he was sitting on the Mount
of Olives opposite the temple, Peter,
James, John, and Andrew asked
him privately, "Tell us, when will
this be, and what will be the sign
that all these things are about to be
accomplished?" Then Jesus began
to say to them, "Beware that no one
leads you astray. Many will come in
my name and say, 'I am he!' and they
will lead many astray. When you
hear of wars and rumours of wars,
do not be alarmed; this must take
place, but the end is still to come. For
nation will rise against nation, and
kingdom against kingdom; there will
be earthquakes in various places;
there will be famines. This is but the
beginning of the birth pangs."

POST COMMUNION

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.



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