

## COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,  
 you have given us your servants  
 grace,  
 by the confession of a true faith,  
 to acknowledge the glory of the  
 eternal Trinity  
 and in the power of the divine  
 majesty to worship the Unity:  
 keep us steadfast in this faith,  
 that we may evermore be defended  
 from all adversities;  
 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

**Isaiah 40:12-17. 27-end**

*A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.*

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? Who has directed the spirit of the LORD, or as his counsellor has instructed him? Whom did he consult for his enlightenment, and who taught him the path of justice? Who taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding? Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as dust on the scales; see, he takes up the isles like fine dust. Lebanon would not provide fuel enough, nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering. All the nations are as nothing before him; they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God,

the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
 He does not faint or grow weary;  
 his understanding is unsearchable.  
 He gives power to the faint, and  
 strengthens the powerless. Even  
 youths will faint and be weary, and  
 the young will fall exhausted; but  
 those who wait for the LORD shall  
 renew their strength, they shall  
 mount up with wings like eagles,  
 they shall run and not be weary, they  
 shall walk and not faint.

## PSALM Psalm 8

**R** O Lord our governor,  
 how glorious is your name in  
 all the world!

Your majesty above the heavens is  
 praised  
 out of the mouths of babes at the  
 breast.  
 You have founded a stronghold  
 against your foes,  
 that you might still the enemy and  
 the avenger. **R**

When I consider your heavens, the  
 work of your fingers,  
 the moon and the stars that you  
 have ordained,  
 What are mortals, that you should  
 be mindful of them;  
 mere human beings, that you  
 should seek them out? **R**

You have made them little lower  
 than the angels  
 and crown them with glory and  
 honour.  
 You have given them dominion over  
 the works of their hands  
 and put all things under their feet, **R**

All sheep and oxen,  
 even the wild beasts of the field,  
 The birds of the air, the fish of the  
 sea  
 and whatsoever moves in the paths  
 of the sea. **R**

## SECOND READING

**2 Corinthians 13:11-end**

*A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.*

Brothers and sisters, put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

## GOSPEL Matthew 28:16-20

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

## POST COMMUNION

Almighty and eternal God,  
 you have revealed yourself as  
 Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
 and live and reign in the perfect  
 unity of love:  
 hold us firm in this faith,  
 that we may know you in all your  
 ways  
 and evermore rejoice in your eternal  
 glory,  
 who are three Persons yet one God,  
 now and for ever.

