

### 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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