

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. 27-31

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 is man, that you should be
 mindful of him;
 the son of man, that you should seek
 him out? **R**

You have made him little lower than
 the angels
 and crown him with glory and
 honour.
 You have given him dominion over
 the works of your hands
 and put all things under his 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 13:11-13

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.

