

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.

