

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
exalted is your name in all
the earth.*

O Lord our governor,
how exalted is your name in all
the world!
Out of the mouths of infants and
children
your majesty is praised above the
heavens.

You have set up a stronghold
against your adversaries,
to quell the enemy and the
avenger. **R**

When I consider your heavens,
the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have
set in their courses,
What are mortals, that you should
be mindful of them?

mere human beings, that you
should seek them out?
You have made them little lower
than the angels;
you adorn them with glory and
honour. **R**

You give them mastery over the
works of your hands;
and put all things under their
feet,
All sheep and oxen,
even the wild beasts of the field,
The birds of the air, the fish of
the sea,
and whatsoever walks 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-end

*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.