

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, baptising 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.