

## 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.