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**THE COLLECT**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**THE FIRST READING**

A reading from the book **Isaiah 64:1-9**

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--  
as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil--  
to make your name known to your adversaries,  
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!  
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,

you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

From ages past no one has heard,  
no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you,  
who works for those who wait for him.  
You meet those who gladly do right,  
those who remember you in your ways.  
But you were angry, and we sinned;  
because you hid yourself we transgressed.  
We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.  
We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.  
There is no one who calls on your name,  
or attempts to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.  
Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.  
Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,  
and do not remember iniquity forever.  
Now consider, we are all your people.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18**

*Remain seated. The Psalm is read responsively, by whole verse.*

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

**2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \***

**stir up your strength and come to help us.**

3 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**4 O LORD God of hosts, \***

**how long will you be angered**

**despite the prayers of your people?**

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

**6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors,\*  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \***

**the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**

17 And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

**18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be  
saved.**

## THE EPISTLE

A reading from the First letter to **Corinthians 1:3-9**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the  
Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the  
grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus,  
for in every way you have been enriched in him, in  
speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the  
testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you--  
so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you  
wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will  
also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be  
blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is  
faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of  
his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to **Mark [13:24-37]**

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun  
will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light,  
and the stars will be falling from heaven,  
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds'  
with great power and glory. Then he will send out the  
angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from  
the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch  
becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that  
summer is near. So also, when you see these things  
taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates.  
Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until  
all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will  
pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the  
angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.  
Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time  
will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he  
leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his  
work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the  
watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know

when the master of the house will come, in the evening,  
or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he  
may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what  
I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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