

Collect Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy 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 quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The Lesson*Isaiah 64:1-9a*

O THAT THOU WOULDST REND THE HEAVENS AND COME DOWN, THAT THE mountains might quake at thy presence—² as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make thy name known to thy adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at thy presence!³ When thou didst terrible things which we looked not for, thou camest down, the mountains quaked at thy presence.⁴ From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides thee, who works for those who wait for him.⁵ Thou meetest him that joyfully works righteousness, those that remember thee in thy ways. Behold, thou wast angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?⁶ We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.⁷ There is no one that calls upon thy name, that bestirs himself to take hold of thee; for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast delivered us into the hand of our iniquities.⁸ Yet, O LORD, thou art our Father; we are the clay, and thou art our potter; we are all the work of thy hand.⁹ Be not exceedingly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity for ever.

Psalm 80:1-7

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⁷ Turn us again, thou God of hosts; show the light of



thy coun- te- nance, and we shall be whole.

- 1 Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel,
thou that leadest Joseph like a flock;*
show thyself also, thou that sittest upon the Cherubim.
- 2 Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up thy strength, and come and help us. (*Refrain*)
- 3 Turn us again, O God; *
show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.
- 4 O Lord God of hosts, *
how long wilt thou be angry with thy people that prayeth? (*Refrain*)
- 5 Thou feedest them with the bread of tears, *
and givest them plenteousness of tears to drink.
- 6 Thou hast made us a very strife unto our neighbours, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn. (*Refrain*)

The Epistle

I Corinthians 1:1-9

PAUL, CALLED BY THE WILL OF GOD TO BE AN APOSTLE OF CHRIST JESUS, AND OUR BROTHER Sosthenes, ² To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I give thanks to God always for you because of the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ that in every way you were enriched in him with all speech and all knowledge— ⁶ even as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you— ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our

Lord Jesus Christ; ⁸ who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Holy Gospel

Saint Mark 13:24-37

JESUS SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES, “IN] THOSE DAYS, AFTER THAT TRIBULATION, THE SUN will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶ And then they will see the Son of man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷ And 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. ²⁸ 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. ²⁹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰ Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away before all these things take place. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³² But of that day or that hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Take heed, watch; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴ It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵ Watch therefore—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning— ³⁶ lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷ And what I say to you I say to all: Watch.”