

The second Sunday before Advent 18.11.18

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Collects

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works
of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **AMEN**

Post Communion prayer

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour **AMEN**

a reading from the book of Daniel *chapter 12 verses 1-3*

The end times

12 "At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will
arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the
beginning of nations until then.

But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the
book—will be delivered. ² Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will
awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt.
³ Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those
who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever".

a reading from the letter to the Hebrews *chapter 10, verses 11-18*

¹¹ Day after day, every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again
and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away
sins. ¹² But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he

sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ and since that time he waits for his
enemies to be made his footstool. ¹⁴ For by one sacrifice he has made
perfect forever those who are being made holy.

¹⁵ The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this.

First he says:

¹⁶ "This is the covenant I will make with them
after that time, says the Lord.

*I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds.*

¹⁷ Then he adds:

*"Their sins and lawless acts
I will remember no more*

¹⁸ *And where these have been forgiven, sacrifice for sin is no longer
necessary.*

hear the Gospel of our Lord according to Mark

chapter 13, verses 1-8

The destruction of the Temple and signs of the end times

13 As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look,
Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!"

² "Do you see all these great buildings?" replied Jesus. "Not one stone here
will be left on another; every one will be thrown down."

³ As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter,
James, John and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ "Tell us, when will these
things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be
fulfilled?"

⁵ Jesus said to them: "Watch out that no one deceives you. ⁶ Many will come
in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and will deceive many. ⁷ When you hear of
wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but
the end is still to come. ⁸ Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against
kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These
are the beginning of birth pains.