

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
grant that we may always conform our will to yours
and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

READING I

L 145-A · ISAIAH 45:1, 4-6

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah
I have grasped the right hand of Cyrus to subdue the nations before him.

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus, whose right hand I grasp,
subduing nations before him, and making kings run in his service,
opening doors before him and leaving the gates unbarred:
For the sake of Jacob, my servant, of Israel, my chosen one,
I have called you by your name,
giving you a title, though you knew me not.
I am the LORD and there is no other, there is no God besides me.
It is I who arm you, though you know me not,
so that toward the rising and the setting of the sun
people may know that there is none besides me.
I am the LORD, there is no other.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10

℟. (7b) **Give the Lord glory and honor.**

Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all you lands.
Tell his glory among the nations;
among all peoples, his wondrous deeds. ℟.

For great is the LORD and highly to be praised;
awesome is he, beyond all gods.
For all the gods of the nations are things of nought,
but the LORD made the heavens. ℟.

Give to the LORD, you families of nations,
give to the LORD glory and praise;
give to the LORD the glory due his name!
Bring gifts, and enter his courts. ℟.

Worship the LORD, in holy attire;
tremble before him, all the earth;
say among the nations: The LORD is king,
he governs the peoples with equity. ℟.

READING II

1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-5b

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians
Calling to mind faith, love, and hope.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians
in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace.
We give thanks to God always for all of you,
remembering you in our prayers,
unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love
and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ,
before our God and Father,
knowing, brothers and sisters loved by God, how you were chosen.
For our gospel did not come to you in word alone,
but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

PHILIPPIANS 2:15d, 16a

℟. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

℣. Shine like lights in the world as you hold on to the word of life. ℟.

GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 22:15-21

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

All: **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.

The Pharisees went off
and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech.
They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying,