

**SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT
COLLECT**

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O God,
whose blessed Son was manifested
that he might destroy the works of the devil
and make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope,
we may purify ourselves, even as he is pure,
that when he shall appear again with power and great glory
we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious
kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy
Spirit, he liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Daniel 12.1-3

A reading from the book of Daniel

And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince
which standeth for the children of thy people: and there
shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was
a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people
shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in
the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the
earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to
shame and everlasting contempt. And they that be wise shall
shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn
many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SECOND READING**Hebrews 10.11-14, 19-25***A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified. Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh. And having an high priest over the house of God; Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord**Thanks be to God****GOSPEL****Mark****13.1-8***Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark****Glory be to thee, O Lord***

And as he went out of the temple, one of his disciples saith unto him, Master, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here! And Jesus answering said unto him, Seest thou these great buildings? there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down. And as he sat upon the mount of Olives over against the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign when all these things shall be fulfilled? And Jesus answering them began to say, Take heed lest any man deceive you: For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And when ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be ye not troubled: for such things must needs be; but the end shall not be yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles: these are the beginnings of sorrows.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise

be to thee, O Christ

POST COMMUNION

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.