

## **THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE KINGDOM – 18 November 2018**

### ***The Collect***

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;  
grant this for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be the Kingdom, the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### ***The First Reading***

***Daniel 12:1–3***

A reading from the book of Daniel.  
In the third year of King Cyrus a word was revealed to Daniel. 'At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.'

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### ***The Psalm***

***16:1, 4-10***

You will show me the path of life. Alleluia.

***Response: You will show me the path of life. Alleluia***

Preserve me, O God for in you have I taken refuge:  
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord  
all my good depends on you."  
The Lord himself is my portion and my cup:  
in your hands alone is my fortune. ***Response***

My share has fallen in a fair land:  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.  
I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel:  
and in the night watches he instructs my heart. ***Response***

I have set the Lord always before me:  
he is at my right hand; I shall not fall.  
Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices:  
my flesh also shall rest secure. ***Response***

For you will not abandon my soul to Death:  
nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.  
You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence is the fullness of joy:  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore. **Response**

***The Second Reading***

***Hebrews 10:11–14, 19–25***

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God,' and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***The Gospel Acclamation***

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

Some standing here will not taste death  
until they see that the kingdom of God has come with power.

**Alleluia!**

***The Gospel Reading***

***Mark 13:1–8***

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.' When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**