

**OPENING PRAYER**

Eternal Father,  
 whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven  
 that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:  
 keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit  
 and in the bond of peace,  
 and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;  
 who is alive and reigns with you,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**FIRST READING - Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14**

*A reading from the book of Daniel*

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

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

**PSALM - Psalm 93**

Response: *The Lord is king and his apparel is glorious.*

**SECOND READING - Revelation 1.4-8**

*A reading from the book of Revelation*

Grace to you and peace from God who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega,' says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia! alleluia!

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

**GOSPEL - John 18.33-37**

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
 Glory to you, O Lord.*

Pilate asked Jesus, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, O Christ.*

**PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE**

Eternal God,  
 you have given your Son authority in heaven and on earth:  
 grant that through this eucharist,  
 we may share in the banquet of his kingdom  
 and serve him with joy and hope;  
 who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Stir up, O Lord,  
 the wills of your faithful people;  
 that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,  
 may by you be plenteously rewarded;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*