

COLLECT

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON

Revelation 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them as their God;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;  
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

## Psalm 148

*Read responsively by whole verse.*

*Laudate Dominum*

- 1 Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; \*  
praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all you angels of his; \*  
praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; \*  
praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, \*  
and you waters above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the Lord; \*  
for he commanded, and they were created.
- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
- 7 Praise the Lord from the earth, \*  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- 9 Mountains and all hills, \*  
fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
creeping things and winged birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens, \*  
old and young together.
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the Lord, \*  
for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and  
heaven.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, \*  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

## GOSPEL

John 13:31-35

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you,

you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

## The Prayers of the People

Form IV

**Deacon:** Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *Silence*

**Deacon:** Lord, in your mercy *All: Hear our prayer.*

**Deacon:** Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Silence*

**Deacon:** Lord, in your mercy *All: Hear our prayer.*

**Deacon:** Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Silence*

**Deacon:** Lord, in your mercy *All: Hear our prayer.*

**Deacon:** Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Silence*

**Deacon:** Lord, in your mercy *All: Hear our prayer.*

**Deacon:** Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *Silence*

**Deacon:** Lord, in your mercy *All: Hear our prayer.*

**Deacon:** We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

**Deacon:** Lord, in your mercy *All: Hear our prayer.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*