Remembrance Sunday

Collect

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the king of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Amos 5. 18-24

18 Alas for you who desire the day of the
Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, not light;
19 as if someone fled from a lion and was met
by a bear; or went into the house and rested
a hand against the wall and was bitten by a
snake. 20 Is not the day of the Lord darkness,
not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take
no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt-
offerings and grain-offerings, I will not accept
them; and the offerings of well-being of your
fatted animals I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your
songs; I will not listen to the melody of your
harps. 24 But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing
stream.

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Thessalonians 4. 13–18

13We do not want you to be uninformed,
brothers and sisters, about those who have
died, so that you may not grieve as others do
who have no hope. 14For since we believe
that Jesus died and rose again, even so,
through Jesus, God will bring with him those
who have died. 15For this we declare to you
by the word of the Lord, that we who are
alive, who are left until the coming of the
Lord, will by no means precede those who
have died. 16For the Lord himself, with a cry
of command, with the archangel's call and
with the sound of God's trumpet, will
descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ
will rise first. 17Then we who are alive, who
are left, will be caught up in the clouds
together with them to meet the Lord in the
air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever.
18Therefore encourage one another with
these words.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 25. 1–13

Hear the holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to S. Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples:
1 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this.
Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went
to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them
were foolish, and five were wise. 3 When
the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil
with them; 4 but the wise took flasks of oil
with their lamps.
5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them
became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight
there was a shout, "Look! Here is the
bridegroom! Come out to meet him." 7 Then
all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed
their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise,
"Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are
going out."
9 But the wise replied, "No! there will not be
enough for you and for us; you had better go
to the dealers and buy some for yourselves."
10 And while they went to buy it, the
bridegroom came, and those who were ready
went with him into the wedding banquet;
and the door was shut. 11 Later the other
bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord,
open to us." 12 But he replied, "Truly I tell
you, I do not know you."
13 Keep awake therefore, for you know
neither the day nor the hour.'

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

Post Communion

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**