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## COLLECT

God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you,  
mercifully accept our prayers and,  
because through the weakness of our mortal nature  
we can do no good thing without you,  
grant us the help of your grace,  
that in the keeping of your commandments  
we may please you both in will and deed;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## 2 KINGS 11. 1-4, 9-20

A reading from the second book of Kings.

Now when Athaliah, Ahaziah's mother, saw that her son was dead, she set about to destroy all the royal family. But Jehosheba, King Joram's daughter, Ahaziah's sister, took Joash son of Ahaziah, and stole him away from among the king's children who were about to be killed; she put him and his nurse in a bedroom. Thus she hid him from Athaliah, so that he was not killed; he remained with her for six years, hidden in the house of the Lord, while Athaliah reigned over the land.

But in the seventh year Jehoiada summoned the captains of the Carites and of the guards and had them come to him in the house of the Lord. He made a covenant with them and put them under oath in the house of the Lord; then he showed them the king's son.

The captains did according to all that the priest Jehoiada commanded; each brought his men who were to go off duty on the sabbath, with those who were

to come on duty on the sabbath, and came to the priest Jehoiada. The priest delivered to the captains the spears and shields that had been King David's, which were in the house of the Lord; the guards stood, every man with his weapons in his hand, from the south side of the house to the north side of the house, around the altar and the house, to guard the king on every side. Then he brought out the king's son, put the crown on him, and gave him the covenant; they proclaimed him king, and anointed him; they clapped their hands and shouted, 'Long live the king!'

When Athaliah heard the noise of the guard and of the people, she went into the house of the Lord to the people; when she looked, there was the king standing by the pillar, according to custom, with the captains and the trumpeters beside the king, and all the people of the land rejoicing and blowing trumpets. Athaliah tore her clothes and cried, 'Treason! Treason!' Then the priest Jehoiada commanded the captains who were set over the army, 'Bring her out between the ranks, and kill with the sword anyone who follows her.' For the priest said, 'Let her not be killed in the house of the Lord.' So they laid hands on her; she went through the horses' entrance to the king's house, and there she was put to death.

Jehoiada made a covenant between the Lord and the king and people, that they should be the Lord's people; also between the king and the people. Then all the people of the land went to the house of Baal, and tore it down; his altars and his images they broke in pieces, and they killed Mattan, the priest of Baal, before the altars. The priest posted guards over the house of the Lord. He took the captains, the Carites, the guards, and all the people of the land; then they brought the king down from the house of the Lord, marching through the gate of the guards to the king's house. He took his seat on the throne of the kings. So all the people of the land rejoiced; and the city was quiet after Athaliah had been killed with the sword at the king's house.

For the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 132. 11-18

**R: Lord, bless your faithful ones.**

The Lord has sworn an oath to David,  
a promise from which he will not shrink:  
'Of the fruit of your body  
shall I set upon your throne.

‘If your children keep my covenant  
and my testimonies that I shall teach them,  
their children also shall sit upon your throne for evermore.’ **R:**

For the Lord has chosen Zion for himself;  
he has desired her for his habitation:  
‘This shall be my resting place for ever;  
here will I dwell, for I have longed for her. **R:**

‘I will abundantly bless her provision;  
her poor will I satisfy with bread.  
‘I will clothe her priests with salvation,  
and her faithful ones shall rejoice and sing.  
‘There will I make a horn to spring up for David;  
I will keep a lantern burning for my anointed. **R:**

## MATTHEW 6. 19-23

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.  
**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening;  
you have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Matthew.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said:

‘Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

‘The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Alleluia. **Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Eternal God,  
your word inspires our faith:  
may we who offer you our praise  
trust you in all things;  
we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal Father,  
we thank you for nourishing us  
with these heavenly gifts:  
may our communion strengthen us in faith,  
build us up in hope,  
and make us grow in love;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**