

**COLLECTS AND READINGS FOR THE SECOND
SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT 14 November 2021
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day
when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord **AMEN**

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**

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**

a reading from the book of Daniel chapter 12 verses 1-3

The end times

¹ “At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered. ² Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

a reading from the letter to the Hebrews

chapter 10 verses 11-14, 19-25

¹¹ Day after day, every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹² But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool. ¹⁴ For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

A call to persevere in faith

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

**hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Mark chapter 13 verses 1-8**

Glory to you, O Lord

The destruction of the temple and signs of the end times

¹ As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “*Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!*”

² “*Do you see all these great buildings?*” replied Jesus. “*Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down.*”

³ As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ “*Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?*”

⁵ Jesus said to them: “*Watch out that no one deceives you. ⁶ Many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and will deceive many. ⁷ When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. ⁸ Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.*”

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ