

Today's Readings
Sunday 28th
January 2024
Epiphany 4

THE COLLECT

God of heaven,
you send the gospel to
the ends of the earth
and your messengers to
every nation:
send your Holy Spirit to
transform us
by the good news of
everlasting life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 18.15-20

The Lord your God will
raise up for you a
prophet like me from
among your own people;
you shall heed such a
prophet. ¹⁶ This is what
you requested of
the Lord your God at
Horeb on the day of the
assembly when you said:
'If I hear the voice of
the Lord my God any
more, or ever again see
this great fire, I will
die.' ¹⁷ Then

the Lord replied to me:
'They are right in what
they have said. ¹⁸ I will
raise up for them a
prophet like you from
among their own people; I
will put my words in the
mouth of the prophet, who
shall speak to them
everything that I
command. ¹⁹ Anyone who
does not heed the words
that the prophet shall
speak in my name, I
myself will hold
accountable. ²⁰ But any
prophet who speaks in the
name of other gods, or
who presumes to speak in
my name a word that I
have not commanded the
prophet to speak—that
prophet shall die.'

SECOND READING

Revelation 12.1-5a

A great portent appeared
in heaven: a woman
clothed with the sun, with
the moon under her feet,
and on her head a crown
of twelve stars. ² She was
pregnant and was crying
out in birth pangs, in the

agony of giving
birth. ³ Then another
portent appeared in
heaven: a great red
dragon, with seven heads
and ten horns, and seven
diadems on his
heads. ⁴ His tail swept
down a third of the stars of
heaven and threw them to
the earth. Then the dragon
stood before the woman
who was about to bear a
child, so that he might
devour her child as soon
as it was born. ⁵ And she
gave birth to a son, a male
child, who is to rule all the
nations with a rod of iron.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 1.21-28

They went to Capernaum;
and when the sabbath
came, he entered the
synagogue and
taught. ²² They were
astounded at his teaching,
for he taught them as one
having authority, and not
as the scribes. ²³ Just
then there was in their
synagogue a man with an
unclean spirit, ²⁴ and he

cried out, 'What have you
to do with us, Jesus of
Nazareth? Have you come
to destroy us? I know who
you are, the Holy One of
God.' ²⁵ But Jesus
rebuked him, saying, 'Be
silent, and come out of
him!' ²⁶ And the unclean
spirit, throwing him into
convulsions and crying
with a loud voice, came
out of him. ²⁷ They were
all amazed, and they kept
on asking one another,
'What is this? A new
teaching—with authority!
He commands even the
unclean spirits, and they
obey him.' ²⁸ At once his
fame began to spread
throughout the
surrounding region of
Galilee.

PSALM 111

¹ Happy is everyone who
fears the Lord,
 who walks in his ways.
² You shall eat the fruit of
the labour of your hands;
 you shall be happy, and
it shall go well with you.

³ Your wife will be like a
fruitful vine
 within your house;
your children will be like
olive shoots
 around your table.
⁴ Thus shall the man be
blessed
 who fears the Lord.

⁵ The Lord bless you from
Zion.

 May you see the
prosperity of Jerusalem
 all the days of your life.

⁶ May you see your
children's children.

 Peace be upon Israel!

**POST COMMUNION
PRAYER**

Generous Lord,
in word and eucharist we
have proclaimed the
mystery of your love:
help us so to live out our
days
that we may be signs of
your wonders in the world;
through Jesus Christ our
Saviour.