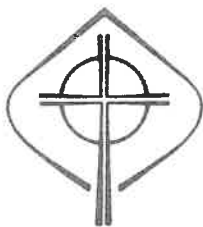


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you who sit enthroned between the
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Collect of the Day

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Gradual

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See, your King comes to you,*
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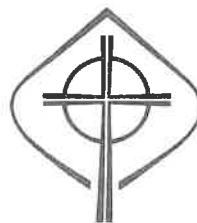
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Isaiah 11:1-10

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the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
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LORD—

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He will not judge by what he sees with his
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or decide by what he hears with his ears;
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poor of the earth.

He will strike the earth with the rod of his
mouth;
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For everything that was written in the past was
written to teach us, so that through endurance and
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May the God who gives endurance and encour-
agement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves
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But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sad-
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