First Reading: Revelation 14:6–7

6Then I saw another angel
flying directly overhead, with
an eternal gospel to proclaim
to those who dwell on earth,
to every nation and tribe and
language and people. 7And he
said with a loud voice, "Fear
God and give him glory, because
the hour of his judgment has
come, and worship him who
made heaven and earth, the sea
and the springs of water."

Epistle: Romans 3:19–28

19Now we know that whatever
the law says it speaks to those
who are under the law, so that
every mouth may be stopped,
and the whole world may be
held accountable to God. 20For
by works of the law no human
being will be justified in his
sight, since through the law
comes knowledge of sin.

21But now the righteousness of
God has been manifested apart
from the law, although the Law
and the Prophets bear witness
to it—22the righteousness of
God through faith in Jesus
Christ for all who believe. For
there is no distinction: 23for
all have sinned and fall short
of the glory of God, 24and are
justified by his grace as a gift,
through the redemption that is
in Christ Jesus, 25whom God
put forward as a propitiation
by his blood, to be received by
faith. This was to show God's
righteousness, because in his
divine forbearance he had
passed over former sins. 26It was
to show his righteousness at the
present time, so that he might be
just and the justifier of the one
who has faith in Jesus.

27Then what becomes of our
boasting? It is excluded. By
what kind of law? By a law of
works? No, but by the law of
faith. 28For we hold that one
is justified by faith apart from
works of the law.

Holy Gospel: John 8:31–36

31So Jesus said to the Jews
who had believed in him, "If
you abide in my word, you
are truly my disciples, 32and
you will know the truth, and
the truth will set you free."
33They answered him, "We are
offspring of Abraham and have
never been enslaved to anyone.
How is it that you say, 'You will
become free'?"

34Jesus answered them,
"Truly, truly, I say to you,
everyone who commits sin is
a slave to sin. 35The slave does
not remain in the house forever;
the son remains forever. 36So if
the Son sets you free, you will
be free indeed."