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First Sunday after Pentecost

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Solemnity

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Blest be God the Father,
and the Only Begotten Son of God,
and also the Holy Spirit,
for he has shown us his merciful love.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

COLLECT

Let us pray (*pause*)

God our Father, who by sending into the world
the Word of truth and the Spirit of sanctification
made known to the human race your wondrous mystery,
grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith,
we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory
and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. R. Amen.

READINGS (*see pp. 4-11*)

The Creed is said.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Sanctify by the invocation of your name,
we pray, O Lord our God,
this oblation of our service,
and by it make of us an eternal offering to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

PREFACE

(The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity.)

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For with your Only Begotten Son and the Holy Spirit
you are one God, one Lord:
not in the unity of a single person,
but in a Trinity of one substance.

For what you have revealed to us of your glory
we believe equally of your Son
and of the Holy Spirit,
so that, in the confessing of the true and eternal Godhead,
you might be adored in what is proper to each Person,
their unity in substance,
and their equality in majesty.

For this is praised by Angels and Archangels,
Cherubim, too, and Seraphim,
who never cease to cry out each day,
as with one voice they acclaim:

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(Gal 4:6)

Since you are children of God,
God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son,
the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray (*pause*)

May receiving this Sacrament, O Lord our God,
bring us health of body and soul,
as we confess your eternal holy Trinity and undivided
Unity.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

READINGS

Year A

FIRST READING (*The Lord, the Lord, a merciful and gracious God.*)

A reading from the Book of Exodus (34:4b-6, 8-9)

Early in the morning Moses went up Mount Sinai as the Lord had commanded him, taking along the two stone tablets.

Having come down in a cloud, the Lord stood with Moses there and proclaimed his name, "Lord." Thus the Lord passed before him and cried out, "The Lord, the Lord, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity." Moses at once bowed down to the ground in worship. Then he said, "If I find favor with you, O Lord, do come along in our company. This is indeed a stiff-necked people; yet pardon our wickedness and sins, and receive us as your own." —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55)

R. Glory and praise forever! (*Dn 3:52b*)

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers, praiseworthy and exalted above all forever; and blessed is your holy and glorious name, praiseworthy and exalted above all for all ages. (*R*)

Blessed are you in the temple of your holy glory, praiseworthy and glorious above all forever. (*R*)

Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom, praiseworthy and exalted above all forever. (*R*)

R. Glory and praise forever! (*Dn 3:52b*)

Blessed are you who look into the depths from your throne upon the cherubim, praiseworthy and exalted above all forever. (*R*)

SECOND READING (*The grace of Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.*)

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

(13:11-13)

Brothers and sisters, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the holy ones greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Cf. Rev 1:8*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; to God who is, who was, and who is to come. (*R*)

GOSPEL (*God sent his Son that the world might be saved through him.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (3:16-18)

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not

be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. —The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Year B

FIRST READING *(The Lord is God in the heavens above and on earth below and there is no other.)*

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy (4:32-34, 39-40)

Moses said to the people: “Ask now of the days of old, before your time, ever since God created man upon the earth; ask from one end of the sky to the other: Did anything so great ever happen before? Was it ever heard of? Did a people ever hear the voice of God speaking from the midst of fire, as you did, and live? Or did any god venture to go and take a nation for himself from the midst of another nation, by testings, by signs and wonders, by war, with strong hand and outstretched arm, and by great terrors, all of which the Lord, your God, did for you in Egypt before your very eyes? This is why you must now know, and fix in your heart, that the Lord is God in the heavens above and on earth below, and that there is no other. You must keep his statutes and commandments that I enjoin on you today, that you and your children after you may prosper, and that you may have long life on the land which the Lord, your God, is giving you forever.” —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(33:4-5, 6,9, 18-19, 20,22)

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.
(*Ps 33:12b*)

Upright is the word of the Lord, and all his works are trustworthy. He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the Lord the earth is full. (*R*)

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made; by the breath of his mouth all their host. For he spoke, and it was made; he commanded, and it stood forth. (*R*)

See, the eyes of the Lord are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness, to deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine. (*R*)

Our soul waits for the Lord, who is our help and our shield. May your kindness, O Lord, be upon us who have put our hope in you. (*R*)

SECOND READING (*You received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!"*)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans (8:14-17)

Brothers and sisters: Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Cf. Rev 1:8*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; to God who is, who was, and who is to come. (R)

GOSPEL (*Baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (28:16-20)

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they all saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." —The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Year C

FIRST READING (*Before the earth was made, Wisdom was conceived.*)

A reading from the Book of Proverbs (8:22-31)

Thus says the wisdom of God: "The Lord possessed me, the beginning of his ways, the forerunner of his prodigies of long ago; from of old I was poured forth, at the first, before the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no fountains or springs of water; before the mountains were settled into place, before the hills, I was brought forth; while as yet the earth and

fields were not made, nor the first clods of the world.

“When the Lord established the heavens I was there, when he marked out the vault over the face of the deep; when he made firm the skies above, when he fixed fast the foundations of the earth; when he set for the sea its limit, so that the waters should not transgress his command; then was I beside him as his craftsman, and I was his delight day by day, playing before him all the while, playing on the surface of his earth; and I found delight in the human race.” —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9)

R. O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth! (*Ps 8:2a*)

When I behold your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars which you set in place—What is man that you should be mindful of him, or the son of man that you should care for him? (*R*)

You have made him little less than the angels, and crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him rule over the works of your hands, putting all things under his feet. (*R*)

All sheep and oxen, yes, and the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fishes of the sea, and whatever swims the paths of the seas. (*R*)

SECOND READING *(To God, through Christ, in love poured out through the Holy Spirit.)*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans (5:1-5)

Brothers and sisters: Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we even boast of our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope, and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Cf. Rev 1:8)*

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; to God who is, who was, and who is to come. (R)

GOSPEL *(Everything that the Father has is mine; the Spirit will take from what is mine and declare it to you.)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (16:12-15)

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine;

for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you.” —The Gospel of the Lord.
R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Thursday after the Most Holy Trinity
THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
(CORPUS CHRISTI)
Solemnity

Where the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is not a Holyday of Obligation, it is assigned to the Sunday after the Most Holy Trinity as its proper day.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (Cf. Ps 81 (80):17)

He fed them with the finest wheat
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

COLLECT

Let us pray (*pause*)

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament
have left us a memorial of your Passion,
grant us, we pray,
so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood
that we may always experience in ourselves
the fruits of your redemption.

Who live and reign with God the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

READINGS (*see pp. 15-35*)

The Creed is said.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant your Church, O Lord, we pray,
the gifts of unity and peace,

whose signs are to be seen in mystery
in the offerings we here present.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

PREFACE

(The fruits of the Most Holy Eucharist.)

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Christ our Lord.

For at the Last Supper with his Apostles,
establishing for the ages to come the saving memorial of
the Cross,
he offered himself to you as the unblemished Lamb,
the acceptable gift of perfect praise.

Nourishing your faithful by this sacred mystery,
you make them holy so that the human race,
bounded by one world,
may be enlightened by one faith
and united by one bond of charity.

And so, we approach the table of this wondrous Sacrament,
so that, bathed in the sweetness of your grace,
we may pass over to the heavenly realities here foreshadowed.

Therefore, all creatures of heaven and earth
sing a new song in adoration,
and we, with all the host of Angels,
cry out, and without end we acclaim:

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(Jn 6:57)

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray (*pause*)

Grant, O Lord, we pray,

that we may delight for all eternity

in that share in your divine life,

which is foreshadowed in the present age

by our reception of your precious Body and Blood.

Who live and reign for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

It is desirable that a procession take place after the Mass in which the Host to be carried in the procession is consecrated. However, nothing prohibits a procession from taking place even after a public and lengthy period of adoration following the Mass. If a procession takes place after Mass, when the Communion of the faithful is over, the monstrance in which the consecrated host has been placed is set on the altar. When the Prayer after Communion has been said, the Concluding Rites are omitted and the procession forms.

READINGS

Year A

FIRST READING (*He gave you a food unknown to you and your fathers.*)

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy (8:2-3, 14b-16a)

Moses said to the people: “Remember how for forty years now the Lord, your God, has directed all your journeying in the desert, so as to test you by affliction and find out whether or not it was your intention to keep his commandments. He therefore let you be afflicted with hunger, and then fed you with manna, a food unknown to you and your fathers, in order to show you that not by bread alone does one live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the Lord.

“Do not forget the Lord, your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery; who guided you through the vast and terrible desert with its saraph serpents and scorpions, its parched and waterless ground; who brought forth water for you from the flinty rock and fed you in the desert with manna, a food unknown to your fathers.” — The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20)

R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem. (*Ps 147:12*)

Or Alleluia.

Glorify the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion. For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; he has blessed your children within you. (*R*)

R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem. (*Ps 147:12*)

Or Alleluia.

He has granted peace in your borders; with the best of wheat he fills you. He sends forth his command to the earth; swiftly runs his word! (*R*)

He has proclaimed his word to Jacob, his statutes and his ordinances to Israel. He has not done thus for any other nation; his ordinances he has not made known to them. (*R*)

SECOND READING (*The bread is one, and we, though many, are one body.*)

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

(10:16-17)

Brothers and sisters: The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

(Long Form)

SEQUENCE (Lauda Sion)

*The sequence **Laud, O Zion** (Lauda Sion), or the shorter form beginning with the verse **Lo! the angel's food is given** may be sung optionally before the Alleluia.*

Laud, O Zion, your salvation,
Laud with hymns of exultation,
Christ, your king
And shepherd true:

Bring him all the praise you know,
He is more than you bestow.
Never can you reach his due.

Special theme for glad thanksgiving
Is the quick'ning and the living
Bread today before you set:

From his hands of old partaken,
As we know, by faith unshaken,
Where the Twelve at supper met.

Full and clear ring out your chanting,
Joy nor sweetest grace be wanting,
From your heart let praises burst:

For today the feast is holden,
When the institution olden
Of that supper was rehearsed.

Here the new law's new oblation,
By the new king's revelation,
Ends the form of ancient rite:

Now the new the old effaces,
Truth away the shadow chases,
Light dispels the gloom of night.

What he did at supper seated,
Christ ordained to be repeated,
His memorial ne'er to cease:

And his rule for guidance taking,
Bread and wine we hallow, making
Thus our sacrifice of peace.

This the truth each Christian learns,
Bread into his flesh he turns,
To his precious blood the wine:

Sight has fail'd,
Nor thought conceives,
But a dauntless faith believes,
Resting on a pow'r divine.

Here beneath these signs are hidden
Priceless things to sense forbidden;
Signs, not things are all we see:

Blood is poured and flesh is broken,
Yet in either wondrous token
Christ entire we know to be.

Whoso of this food partakes,
Does not rend the Lord nor breaks;
Christ is whole to all that taste:

Thousands are, as one, receivers,
One, as thousands of believers,
Eats of him who cannot waste.

Bad and good the feast are sharing,
Of what divers dooms preparing,
Endless death, or endless life.

Life to these, to those damnation,
See how like participation
Is with unlike issues rife.

When the sacrament is broken,
Doubt not, but believe'tis spoken,

That each sever'd outward token
doth the very whole contain.

Nought the precious gift divides,
Breaking but the sign betides
Jesus still the same abides,
still unbroken does remain.

Lo! the angel's food is given
To the pilgrim who has striven;
See the children's bread from heaven,
which on dogs may not be spent.

Truth the ancient types fulfilling,
Isaac bound, a victim willing,
Paschal lamb, its lifeblood spilling,
manna to the fathers sent.

Very bread, good shepherd, tend us,
Jesus, of your love befriend us,
You refresh us, you defend us,
Your eternal goodness send us
In the land of life to see.

You who all things can and know,
Who on earth such food bestow,
Grant us with your saints, though lowest,
Where the heav'nly feast you show,
Fellow heirs and guests to be.
Amen. Alleluia.

(Short Form)

SEQUENCE (Lauda Sion)

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Where the heav'nly feast you show,
Fellow heirs and guests to be.
Amen. Alleluia.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Jn 6:51*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says
the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever. (R)

GOSPEL (*My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (6:51-58)

Jesus said to the Jewish crowds: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever." —The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Year B

FIRST READING (*This is the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you.*)

A reading from the Book of Exodus (24:3-8)

When Moses came to the people and related all the words and ordinances of the Lord, they all answered with one voice, "We will do everything that the Lord has told us." Moses then wrote down all the words of the

Lord and, rising early the next day, he erected at the foot of the mountain an altar and twelve pillars for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then, having sent certain young men of the Israelites to offer holocausts and sacrifice young bulls as peace offerings to the Lord, Moses took half of the blood and put it in large bowls; the other half he splashed on the altar. Taking the book of the covenant, he read it aloud to the people, who answered, "All that the Lord has said, we will heed and do." Then he took the blood and sprinkled it on the people, saying, "This is the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words of his." —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18)

R. I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord. (*Ps 116:13*)

Or Alleluia.

How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good he has done for me? The cup of salvation I will take up, and I will call upon the name of the Lord. (*R*)

Precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones. I am your servant, the son of your handmaid; you have loosed my bonds. (*R*)

To you will I offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and I will call upon the name of the Lord. My vows to the Lord I will pay in the presence of all his people. (*R*)

SECOND READING (*The blood of Christ will cleanse our consciences.*)

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (9:11-15)

Brothers and sisters: When Christ came as high priest of the good things that have come to be, passing through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made by hands, that is, not belonging to this creation, he entered once for all into the sanctuary, not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkling of a heifer's ashes can sanctify those who are defiled so that their flesh is cleansed, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God.

For this reason he is mediator of a new covenant: since a death has taken place for deliverance from transgressions under the first covenant, those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance. —The Word of the Lord.

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Laud with hymns of exultation,
Christ, your king
And shepherd true:

Bring him all the praise you know,
He is more than you bestow.
Never can you reach his due.

Special theme for glad thanksgiving
Is the quick'ning and the living
Bread today before you set:

From his hands of old partaken,
As we know, by faith unshaken,
Where the Twelve at supper met.

Full and clear ring out your chanting,
Joy nor sweetest grace be wanting,
From your heart let praises burst:

For today the feast is holden,
When the institution olden
Of that supper was rehearsed.

Here the new law's new oblation,
By the new king's revelation,
Ends the form of ancient rite:

Now the new the old effaces,
Truth away the shadow chases,
Light dispels the gloom of night.

What he did at supper seated,
Christ ordained to be repeated,
His memorial ne'er to cease:

And his rule for guidance taking,
Bread and wine we hallow, making
Thus our sacrifice of peace.

This the truth each Christian learns,
Bread into his flesh he turns,
To his precious blood the wine:

Sight has fail'd,
Nor thought conceives,
But a dauntless faith believes,
Resting on a pow'r divine.

Here beneath these signs are hidden
Priceless things to sense forbidden;
Signs, not things are all we see:

Blood is poured and flesh is broken,
Yet in either wondrous token
Christ entire we know to be.

Whoso of this food partakes,
Does not rend the Lord nor breaks;
Christ is whole to all that taste:

Thousands are, as one, receivers,
One, as thousands of believers,
Eats of him who cannot waste.

Bad and good the feast are sharing,
Of what divers dooms preparing,
Endless death, or endless life.

Life to these, to those damnation,
See how like participation
Is with unlike issues rife.

When the sacrament is broken,
Doubt not, but believe'tis spoken,

That each sever'd outward token
Doth the very whole contain.

Nought the precious gift divides,
Breaking but the sign betides
Jesus still the same abides,
still unbroken does remain.

Lo! the angel's food is given
To the pilgrim who has striven;
See the children's bread from heaven,
which on dogs may not be spent.

Truth the ancient types fulfilling,
Isaac bound, a victim willing,
Paschal lamb, its lifeblood spilling,
manna to the fathers sent.

Very bread, good shepherd, tend us,
Jesus, of your love befriend us,
You refresh us, you defend us,
Your eternal goodness send us
In the land of life to see.

You who all things can and know,
Who on earth such food bestow,
Grant us with your saints, though lowest,
Where the heav'nly feast you show,
Fellow heirs and guests to be.
Amen. Alleluia.

(Short Form)

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Paschal lamb, its lifeblood spilling,
manna to the fathers sent.

Very bread, good shepherd, tend us,
Jesus, of your love befriend us,
You refresh us, you defend us,
Your eternal goodness send us
In the land of life to see.

You who all things can and know,
Who on earth such food bestow,
Grant us with your saints, though lowest,
Where the heav'nly feast you show,
Fellow heirs and guests to be.
Amen. Alleluia.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Jn 6:51*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says
the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever. (R)

GOSPEL (*This is my body. This is my blood.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (14:12-16, 22-26)

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" He sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city and a man will meet you, carrying a jar of water. Follow him. Wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, "Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"'" Then he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready. Make the preparations for us there." The disciples then went off, entered the city, and found it just as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover.

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. —The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Year C

FIRST READING (*Melchizedek brought out bread and wine.*)

A reading from the Book of Genesis (14:18-20)

In those days, Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought out bread and wine, and being a priest of God Most High, he blessed Abram with those words: "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, the creator of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who delivered your foes into your hand." Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything. —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (110:1, 2, 3, 4)

R. You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek. (*Ps 110:4b*)

The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand till I make your enemies your footstool." (*R*)

The scepter of your power the Lord will stretch forth from Zion: "Rule in the midst of your enemies." (*R*)

"Yours is princely power in the day of your birth, in holy splendor; before the daystar, like the dew, I have begotten you." (*R*)

The Lord has sworn, and he will not repent: "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." (*R*)

SECOND READING (*For as often as you eat and drink, you proclaim the death of the Lord.*)

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

(11:23-26)

Brothers and sisters: I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes. — The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

(Long Form)

SEQUENCE (Lauda Sion)

*The sequence **Laud, O Zion** (Lauda Sion), or the shorter form beginning with the verse **Lo! the angel's food is given** may be sung optionally before the Alleluia.*

Laud, O Zion, your salvation,
Laud with hymns of exultation,
Christ, your king
And shepherd true:

Bring him all the praise you know,
He is more than you bestow.
Never can you reach his due.

Special theme for glad thanksgiving
Is the quick'ning and the living
Bread today before you set:

From his hands of old partaken,
As we know, by faith unshaken,
Where the Twelve at supper met.

Full and clear ring out your chanting,
Joy nor sweetest grace be wanting,
From your heart let praises burst:

For today the feast is holden,
When the institution olden
Of that supper was rehearsed.

Here the new law's new oblation,
By the new king's revelation,
Ends the form of ancient rite:

Now the new the old effaces,
Truth away the shadow chases,
Light dispels the gloom of night.

What he did at supper seated,
Christ ordained to be repeated,
His memorial ne'er to cease:

And his rule for guidance taking,
Bread and wine we hallow, making
Thus our sacrifice of peace.

This the truth each Christian learns,
Bread into his flesh he turns,
To his precious blood the wine:

Sight has fail'd,
Nor thought conceives,
But a dauntless faith believes,
Resting on a pow'r divine.

Here beneath these signs are hidden
Priceless things to sense forbidden;
Signs, not things are all we see:

Blood is poured and flesh is broken,
Yet in either wondrous token
Christ entire we know to be.

Whoso of this food partakes,
Does not rend the Lord nor breaks;
Christ is whole to all that taste:

Thousands are, as one, receivers,
One, as thousands of believers,
Eats of him who cannot waste.

Bad and good the feast are sharing,
Of what divers dooms preparing,
Endless death, or endless life.

Life to these, to those damnation,
See how like participation
Is with unlike issues rife.

When the sacrament is broken,
Doubt not, but believe'tis spoken,
That each sever'd outward token
Doth the very whole contain.

Nought the precious gift divides,
Breaking but the sign betides
Jesus still the same abides,
still unbroken does remain.

Lo! the angel's food is given
To the pilgrim who has striven;
See the children's bread from heaven,
which on dogs may not be spent.

Truth the ancient types fulfilling,
Isaac bound, a victim willing,
Paschal lamb, its lifeblood spilling,
manna to the fathers sent.

Very bread, good shepherd, tend us,
Jesus, of your love befriend us,
You refresh us, you defend us,
Your eternal goodness send us
In the land of life to see.

You who all things can and know,
Who on earth such food bestow,
Grant us with your saints, though lowest,
Where the heav'nly feast you show,
Fellow heirs and guests to be.
Amen. Alleluia.

(Short Form)

SEQUENCE (Lauda Sion)

Lo! the angel's food is given
To the pilgrim who has striven;
See the children's bread from heaven,
which on dogs may not be spent.

Truth the ancient types fulfilling,
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Grant us with your saints, though lowest,
Where the heav'nly feast you show,
Fellow heirs and guests to be.
Amen. Alleluia.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Jn 6:51*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says
the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever. (R)

GOSPEL (*They all ate and were satisfied.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (9:11b-17)

Jesus spoke to the crowds about the kingdom of God, and he healed those who needed to be cured. As the day was drawing to a close, the Twelve approached him and said, "Dismiss the crowd so that they can go to the surrounding villages and farms and find lodging and provisions; for we are in a deserted place here." He said to them, "Give them some food yourselves." They replied, "Five loaves and two fish are all we have, unless we ourselves go and buy food for all these people." Now the men there numbered about five thousand. Then he said to his disciples, "Have them sit down in groups of about fifty." They did so and made them all sit down. Then taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets. —The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (Cf. Ps 25 (24):16, 18)

Turn to me and have mercy on me, O Lord,
for I am alone and poor.
See my lowliness and suffering
and take away all my sins, my God.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

COLLECT

Let us pray (*pause*)

O God, whose providence never fails in its design,
keep from us, we humbly beseech you,
all that might harm us
and grant all that works for our good.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. R. Amen.

READINGS (*see pp. 38-46*)

The Creed is said.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Trusting in your compassion, O Lord,
we come eagerly with our offerings to your sacred altar,
that, through the purifying action of your grace,
we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve.
Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

PREFACE OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

(see pp. 165-170)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(Cf. Ps 17 (16): 6)

To you I call, for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.

Or

(Mk 11:23, 24)

Amen, I say to you: Whatever you ask for in prayer,
believe you will receive it,
and it will be yours, says the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray (*pause*)

Govern by your Spirit, we pray, O Lord,
those you feed with the Body and Blood of your Son,
that, professing you not just in word or in speech,
but also in works and in truth,
we may merit to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

SOLEMN BLESSING IN ORDINARY TIME

(see pp. 171-175)

READINGS

Year A

FIRST READING (*I set before you here this day a blessing and a curse.*)

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy (11:18, 26-28, 32)

Moses told the people, "Take these words of mine into your heart and soul. Bind them at your wrist as a sign, and let them be a pendant on your forehead.

"I set before you here, this day, a blessing and a curse: a blessing for obeying the commandments of the Lord, your God, which I enjoin on you today; a curse if you do not obey the commandments of the Lord, your God, but turn aside from the way I ordain for you today, to follow other gods, whom you have not known. Be careful to observe all the statutes and decrees that I set before you today." —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (31:2-3, 3-4, 17, 25)

R. Lord, be my rock of safety. (*Ps 31:3b*)

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your justice rescue me, incline your ear to me, make haste to deliver me! (*R*)

Be my rock of refuge, a stronghold to give me safety. You are my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake you will lead and guide me. (*R*)

Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your kindness. Take courage and be stouthearted, all you who hope in the Lord. (*R*)

SECOND READING (*A person is justified by faith apart from works of the law.*)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans (3:21-25, 28)

Brothers and sisters: Now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, though testified to by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction; all have sinned and are deprived of the glory of God. They are justified freely by his grace through the redemption in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as an expiation, through faith, by his blood. For we consider that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law. —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Jn 15:5*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the vine, you are the branches, says the Lord; whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit.
(R)

GOSPEL (*The house built on rock, and the house built on sand.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (7:21-27)

Jesus said to his disciples: "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name? Did we not drive out demons in your name? Did we not do mighty deeds in your name?' Then I will declare to them solemnly, 'I never knew you. Depart from me, you evildoers.'

“Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock. And everyone who listens to these words of mine but does not act on them will be like a fool who built his house on sand. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. And it collapsed and was completely ruined.” —The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Year B

FIRST READING (*Remember that you too were once a slave in Egypt.*)

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy (5:12-15)

Thus says the Lord: “Take care to keep holy the sabbath day as the Lord, your God, commanded you. Six days you may labor and do all your work; but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord, your God. No work may be done then, whether by you, or your son or daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or ass or any of your beasts, or the alien who lives with you. Your male and female slave should rest as you do. For remember that you too were once a slave in Egypt, and the Lord, your God, brought you from there with his strong hand and outstretched arm. That is why the Lord, your God, has commanded you to observe the sabbath day.” —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(81:3-4, 5-6, 6-8, 10-11)

R. Sing with joy to God our help. (*Ps 81:2a*)

Take up a melody, and sound the timbrel, the pleasant harp and the lyre. Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our solemn feast. (*R*)

For it is a statute in Israel, an ordinance of the God of Jacob, who made it a decree for Joseph when he came forth from the land of Egypt. (*R*)

An unfamiliar speech I hear: "I relieved his shoulder of the burden; his hands were freed from the basket. In distress you called, and I rescued you." (*R*)

"There shall be no strange god among you nor shall you worship any alien god. I, the Lord, am your God who led you forth from the land of Egypt." (*R*)

SECOND READING (*The life of Jesus is manifested in our body.*)

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

(4:6-11)

Brothers and sisters: God who said, *Let light shine out of darkness*, has shone in our hearts to bring to light the knowledge of the glory of God on the face of Jesus Christ. But we hold this treasure in earthen vessels, that the surpassing power may be of God and not from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not constrained; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our body. For we who live are constantly being given up to death for the sake of Jesus,

so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh.—The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Cf. Jn 17:17b, 17a*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Your word, O Lord, is truth; consecrate us in the truth. (R)

(Long Form)

GOSPEL (*The Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (2:23-3:6)

As Jesus was passing through a field of grain on the sabbath, his disciples began to make a path while picking the heads of grain. At this the Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the sabbath?" He said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he was in need and he and his companions were hungry? How he went into the house of God when Abiathar was high priest and ate the bread of offering that only the priests could lawfully eat, and shared it with his companions?" Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath. That is why the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

Again Jesus entered the synagogue. There was a man there who had a withered hand. They watched him closely to see if he would cure him on the sabbath so that they might accuse him. He said to the man with the withered hand, "Come up here before us." Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath rather than to do evil, to save life rather than to destroy it?" But they remained silent. Looking around at them with anger

and grieved at their hardness of heart, he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately took counsel with the Herodians against him to put him to death. —The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(Short Form)

GOSPEL (*The Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (2:23-28)

As Jesus was passing through a field of grain on the sabbath, his disciples began to make a path while picking the heads of grain. At this the Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the sabbath?" He said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he was in need and he and his companions were hungry? How he went into the house of God when Abiathar was high priest and ate the bread of offering that only the priests could lawfully eat, and shared it with his companions?" Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath. That is why the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath." —The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Year C

FIRST READING (*When foreigners come, listen to them.*)

A reading from the first Book of Kings (8:41-43)

In those days, Solomon prayed in the temple, saying, "To the foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, but comes from a distant land to honor you—since they will learn of your great name and your mighty hand and your outstretched arm—when he comes and prays toward this temple, listen from your heavenly dwelling. Do all that the foreigner asks of you, that all the peoples of the earth may know your name, may fear you as do your people Israel, and may acknowledge that this temple which I have built is dedicated to your honor." —The Word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (117:1, 2)

R. Go out to all the world and tell the good news. (*Mk 16:15*)

Or Alleluia.

Praise the Lord, all you nations; glorify him, all you peoples! (*R*)

For steadfast is his kindness toward us, and the fidelity of the Lord endures forever. (*R*)

SECOND READING (*If I were trying to please people, I would not be a slave of Christ.*)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians (1:1-2, 6-10)

Paul, an apostle not from human beings nor through a human being but through Jesus Christ and God the

Father who raised him from the dead, and all the brothers who are with me, to the churches of Galatia.

I am amazed that you are so quickly forsaking the one who called you by the grace of Christ for a different gospel—not that there is another. But there are some who are disturbing you and wish to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel other than the one that we preached to you, let that one be accursed! As we have said before, and now I say again, if anyone preaches to you a gospel other than what you have received, let that one be accursed!

Am I now currying favor with humans or with God? Or am I seeking to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a slave of Christ. —
The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Jn 3:16*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life. (R)

GOSPEL (*Not even in Israel have I found such faith.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (7:1-10)

When Jesus had finished all his words to the people, he entered Capernaum. A centurion there had a slave who was ill and about to die, and the slave was valuable to him. When the centurion heard about Jesus, he sent elders of the Jews to Jesus, asking Jesus to come and save the life of his slave. They approached Jesus and strongly urged him to come, saying, “He deserves to have you do this for

him, for he loves our nation and built the synagogue for us." And Jesus went with them, but when he was only a short distance from the house, the centurion sent friends to tell him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof. Therefore, I did not consider myself worthy to come to you; but say the word and let my servant be healed. For I too am a person subject to authority, with soldiers subject to me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come here,' and he comes; and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard this he was amazed at the centurion and, turning, said to the crowd following him, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." When the messengers returned to the house, they found the slave in good health. —The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(Cf. Ps 27 (26):1-2)

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I
dread?

When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

COLLECT

Let us pray (*pause*)

O God, from whom all good things come,
grant that we, who call on you in our need,
may at your prompting discern what is right,
and by your guidance do it.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

READINGS (*see pp. 49-57*)

The Creed is said.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look kindly upon our service, O Lord, we pray,
that what we offer
may be an acceptable oblation to you
and lead us to grow in charity.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

PREFACE OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

(see pp. 165-170)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(Ps 18 (17): 3)

The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer;
my God is my saving strength.

Or

(1 Jn 4:16)

God is love, and whoever abides in love
abides in God, and God in him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray *(pause)*

May your healing work, O Lord,
free us, we pray, from doing evil
and lead us to what is right.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

SOLEMN BLESSING IN ORDINARY TIME

(see pp. 171-175)

READINGS

Year A

FIRST READING (*It is love I desire, not sacrifice.*)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Hosea (6:3-6)

In their affliction, people will say: "Let us know, let us strive to know the Lord; as certain as the dawn is his coming, and his judgment shines forth like the light of day! He will come to us like the rain, like spring rain that waters the earth."

What can I do with you, Ephraim? What can I do with you, Judah? Your piety is like a morning cloud, like the dew that early passes away. For this reason I smote them through the prophets, I slew them by the words of my mouth; for it is love that I desire, not sacrifice, and knowledge of God rather than holocausts. —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (50:1,8, 12-13, 14-15)

R. To the upright I will show the saving power of God. (*Ps 50:23b*)

God the Lord has spoken and summoned the earth, from the rising of the sun to its setting. "Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you, for your holocausts are before me always." (*R*)

"If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for mine are the world and its fullness. Do I eat the flesh of strong bulls, or is the blood of goats my drink?" (*R*)

R. To the upright I will show the saving power of God. (*Ps 50:23b*)

“Offer to God praise as your sacrifice and fulfill your vows to the Most High; then call upon me in time of distress; I will rescue you, and you shall glorify me.” (R)

SECOND READING (*Abraham was strengthened by faith and gave glory to God.*)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans (4:18-25)

Brothers and sisters: Abraham believed, hoping against hope, that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “Thus shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body as already dead—for he was almost a hundred years old—and the dead womb of Sarah. He did not doubt God’s promise in unbelief; rather, he was strengthened by faith and gave glory to God and was fully convinced that what he had promised he was also able to do. That is why *it was credited to him as righteousness*. But it was not for him alone that it was written that *it was credited to him*; it was also for us, to whom it will be credited, who believe in the one who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over for our transgressions and was raised for our justification. —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Cf. Lk 4:8*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, and to proclaim liberty to captives. (R)

GOSPEL (*I did not come to call the righteous but sinners.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (9:9-13)

As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the customs post. Jesus said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed Jesus. While Jesus was at table in Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat with Jesus and his disciples. The Pharisees saw this and said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" Jesus heard this and said, "Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. Go and learn the meaning of the words, *I desire mercy, not sacrifice*. I did not come to call the righteous but sinners." —The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Year B

FIRST READING (*I will put enmity between your offspring and her offspring.*)

A reading from the Book of Genesis (3:9-15)

After the man, Adam, had eaten of the tree, the Lord God called to the man and asked him, "Where are you?" He answered, "I heard you in the garden; but I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself." Then he asked, "Who told you that you were naked? You have eaten, then, from the tree of which I had forbidden you to eat!" The man replied, "The woman whom you put here with me—she gave me fruit from the tree, and so I ate it." The Lord God then asked the woman, "Why did you do such a thing?" The woman answered, "The serpent tricked me into it, so I ate it."

Then the Lord God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, you shall be banned from all the animals and from all the wild creatures; on your belly shall you crawl, and dirt shall you eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike at your head, while you strike at his heel." —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8)

R. With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption. (*Ps 130:7bc*)

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to my voice in supplication. (*R*)

If you, O Lord, mark iniquities, Lord, who can stand? But with you is forgiveness, that you may be revered. (*R*)

I trust in the Lord; my soul trusts in his word. More than sentinels wait for the dawn, let Israel wait for the Lord. (*R*)

For with the Lord is kindness and with him is plenteous redemption; and he will redeem Israel from all their iniquities. (*R*)

SECOND READING (*We too believe and therefore we speak.*)

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

(4:13-5:1)

Brothers and sisters: Since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, *I believed, therefore I spoke*, we too believe and therefore we speak, knowing that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and place us with you in his presence. Everything indeed is for you, so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God. Therefore, we are not discouraged; rather, although our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen; for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal. For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven. —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Jn 12:31b-32*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Now the ruler of this world will be driven out, says the Lord; and when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself. (*R*)

GOSPEL (*It is the end of Satan.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (3:20-35)

Jesus came home with his disciples. Again the crowd gathered, making it impossible for them even to eat. When his relatives heard of this they set out to seize him, for they said, "He is out of his mind." The scribes who had come from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "By the prince of demons he drives out demons."

Summoning them, Jesus began to speak to them in parables, "How can Satan drive out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand; that is the end of him. But no one can enter a strong man's house to plunder his property unless he first ties up the strong man. Then he can plunder the house. Amen, I say to you, all sins and all blasphemies that people utter will be forgiven them. But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an everlasting sin." For they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

His mother and his brothers arrived. Standing outside they sent word to him and called him. A crowd seated around him told him, "Your mother and your brothers and your sisters are outside asking for you." But he said to them in reply, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking around at those seated in the circle he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." —The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Year C

FIRST READING (*See! Your son is alive.*)

A reading from the first Book of Kings

(17:17-24)

Elijah went to Zarephath of Sidon to the house of a widow. The son of the mistress of the house fell sick, and his sickness grew more severe until he stopped breathing. So she said to Elijah, "Why have you done this to me, O man of God? Have you come to me to call attention to my guilt and to kill my son?" Elijah said to her, "Give me your son." Taking him from her lap, he carried the son to the upper room where he was staying, and put him on his bed. Elijah called out to the Lord: "O Lord, my God, will you afflict even the widow with whom I am staying by killing her son?" Then he stretched himself out upon the child three times and called out to the Lord: "O Lord, my God, let the life breath return to the body of this child." The Lord heard the prayer of Elijah; the life breath returned to the child's body and he revived. Taking the child, Elijah brought him down into the house from the upper room and gave him to his mother. Elijah said to her, "See! Your son is alive." The woman replied to Elijah, "Now indeed I know that you are a man of God. The word of the Lord comes truly from your mouth." —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(30:2,4, 5-6, 11,12,13)

R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me. (*Ps 30:2a*)

I will extol you, O Lord, for you drew me clear and did not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you brought me up from the nether world; you preserved me from among those going down into the pit. (*R*)

Sing praise to the Lord, you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger lasts but a moment; a lifetime, his good will. At nightfall, weeping enters in, but with the dawn, rejoicing. (*R*)

Hear, O Lord, and have pity on me; O Lord, be my helper. You changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord, my God, forever will I give you thanks. (*R*)

SECOND READING (*God revealed his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him to the Gentiles.*)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians (1:11-19)

I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel preached by me is not of human origin. For I did not receive it from a human being, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

For you heard of my former way of life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it, and progressed in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries among my race, since I was even more a zealot for my ancestral traditions. But when God, who from my mother's womb had set me apart and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son

to me, so that I might proclaim him to the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; rather, I went into Arabia and then returned to Damascus.

Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to confer with Cephas and remained with him for fifteen days. But I did not see any other of the apostles, only James the brother of the Lord. —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Lk 7:16*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

A great prophet has risen in our midst, God has visited his people. (*R*)

GOSPEL (*Young man, I tell you, arise!*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (7:11-17)

Jesus journeyed to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd accompanied him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. A large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, he was moved with pity for her and said to her, "Do not weep." He stepped forward and touched the coffin; at this the bearer halted, and he said, "Young man, I tell you, arise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, exclaiming, "A great prophet has arisen in our midst," and "God has visited his people." This report about him spread through the whole of Judea and in all the surrounding region. —The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(Cf. Ps 27 (26):7, 9)

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help.

Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Savior!

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

COLLECT

Let us pray (*pause*)

O God, strength of those who hope in you,
graciously hear our pleas,
and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing,
grant us always the help of your grace,
that in following your commands
we may please you by our resolve and our deeds.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. R. Amen.

READINGS (*see pp. 60-69*)

The Creed is said.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who in the offerings presented here
provide for the twofold needs of human nature,
nourishing us with food
and renewing us with your Sacrament,
grant, we pray,
that the sustenance they provide
may not fail us in body or in spirit.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

PREFACE OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

(see pp. 165-170)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(Ps 27 (26): 4)

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek:
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Or

(Jn 17:11)

Holy Father, keep in your name those you have given me,
that they may be one as we are one, says the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray *(pause)*

As this reception of your Holy Communion, O Lord,
foreshadows the union of the faithful in you,
so may it bring about unity in your Church.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

SOLEMN BLESSING IN ORDINARY TIME

(see pp. 171-175)

READINGS

Year A

FIRST READING (*You shall be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation.*)

A reading from the Book of Exodus (19:2-6a)

In those days, the Israelites came to the desert of Sinai and pitched camp. While Israel was encamped here in front of the mountain, Moses went up the mountain to God. Then the Lord called to him and said, "Thus shall you say to the house of Jacob; tell the Israelites: You have seen for yourselves how I treated the Egyptians and how I bore you up on eagle wings and brought you here to myself. Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine. You shall be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation." —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (100:1-2, 3, 5)

R. We are his people: the sheep of his flock. (*Ps 100:3c*)

Sing joyfully to the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful song. (*R*)

Know that the Lord is God; he made us, his we are; his people, the flock he tends. (*R*)

The Lord is good: his kindness endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. (*R*)

SECOND READING (*If we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more will we be saved by his life.*)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans (5:6-11)

Brothers and sisters: Christ, while we were still helpless, yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. How much more then, since we are now justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath. Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life. Not only that, but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. —The Word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Mk 1:15*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel. (R)

GOSPEL (*Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and sent them out.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (9:36-10:8)

At the sight of the crowds, Jesus' heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."

Then he summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and to cure every disease and every illness. The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew, Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus; Simon from Cana, and Judas Iscariot who betrayed him.

Jesus sent out these twelve after instructing them thus, "Do not go into pagan territory or enter a Samaritan town. Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, make this proclamation: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give." —The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Year B

FIRST READING (*I have lifted high the lowly tree.*)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel (17:22-24)

Thus says the Lord God: I, too, will take from the crest of the cedar, from its topmost branches tear off a tender shoot, and plant it on a high and lofty mountain; on the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it. It shall put forth branches and bear fruit, and become a majestic cedar. Birds of every kind shall dwell beneath it, every winged thing in the shade of its boughs. And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the Lord, bring low the high tree, lift high the lowly tree, wither up the green tree, and make

the withered tree bloom. As I, the Lord, have spoken, so will I do. —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16)

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. (*Cf. Ps 92:2a*)

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praise to your name, Most High, to proclaim your kindness at dawn and your faithfulness throughout the night. (*R*)

The just one shall flourish like the palm tree, like a cedar of Lebanon shall he grow. They that are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. (*R*)

They shall bear fruit even in old age; vigorous and sturdy shall they be, declaring how just is the Lord, my Rock, in whom there is no wrong. (*R*)

SECOND READING (*Whether we are at home or away, we aspire to please the Lord.*)

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

(5:6-10)

Brothers and sisters: We are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil. —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live forever. (R)

GOSPEL (*It is the smallest of all seeds, and becomes the largest of plants.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (4:26-34)

Jesus said to the crowds: "This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come."

He said, "To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it. Without parables he did not speak to them, but to his own disciples he explained everything in private. —The Gospel of the Lord.
R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Year C

FIRST READING (*The Lord has forgiven your sin; you shall not die.*)

A reading from the second Book of Samuel (12:7-10, 13)

Nathan said to David: "Thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'I anointed you king of Israel. I rescued you from the hand of Saul. I gave you your lord's house and your lord's wives for your own. I gave you the house of Israel and of Judah. And if this were not enough, I could count up for you still more. Why have you spurned the Lord and done evil in his sight? You have cut down Uriah the Hittite with the sword; you took his wife as your own, and him you killed with the sword of the Ammonites. Now, therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah to be your wife.'" Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord." Nathan answered David: "The Lord on his part has forgiven your sin: you shall not die." —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (32:1-2, 5, 7, 11)

R. Lord, forgive the wrong I have done. (*Cf. Ps 32:5c*)

Blessed is the one whose fault is taken away, whose sin is covered. Blessed the man to whom the Lord imputes not guilt, in whose spirit there is no guile. (*R*)

I acknowledged my sin to you, my guilt I covered not. I said, "I confess my faults to the Lord," and you took away the guilt of my sin. (*R*)

R. Lord, forgive the wrong I have done. (*Cf. Ps 32:5c*)

You are my shelter; from distress you will preserve me;
with glad cries of freedom you will ring me round. (*R*)

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, you just; exult, all you
upright of heart. (*R*)

SECOND READING (*I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me.*)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians (2:16, 19-21)

Brothers and sisters: We know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. We have believed in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified. For through the law I died to the law, that I might live for God. I have been crucified with Christ; yet I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me; insofar as I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God who has loved me and given himself up for me. I do not nullify the grace of God; for if justification comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing. — The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*1 Jn 4:10b*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

God loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins. (*R*)

(Long Form)

GOSPEL (*Her many sins have been forgiven, because she has shown great love.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (7:36-8:3)

A Pharisee invited Jesus to dine with him, and Jesus entered the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. Now there was a sinful woman in the city who learned that Jesus was at table in the house of the Pharisee. Bringing an alabaster flask of ointment, she stood behind Jesus at his feet weeping and began to bathe his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them, and anointed them with the ointment. When the Pharisee who had invited Jesus saw this he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner." Jesus said to him in reply, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Tell me, teacher," Simon said. Jesus said, "Two people were in debt to a certain creditor; one owed five hundred days' wages and the other owed fifty. Since they were unable to repay the debt, he forgave it for both. Which of them will love him more?" Simon said in reply, "The one, I suppose, whose larger debt was forgiven." Jesus said to Simon, "You have judged rightly."

Then Jesus turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? When I entered your house, you did not give me water for my feet, but she has bathed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but she has not ceased kissing my feet since the time I entered. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she anointed my feet with ointment. So I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven because she has shown great

love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." The others at table said to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" But he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Afterward he journeyed from one town and village to another, preaching and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. Accompanying him were the Twelve and some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, Susanna, and many others who provided for them out of their resources. —The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(Short Form)

GOSPEL (*Her many sins have been forgiven, because she has shown great love.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (7:36-50)

A Pharisee invited Jesus to dine with him, and Jesus entered the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. Now there was a sinful woman in the city who learned that Jesus was at table in the house of the Pharisee. Bringing an alabaster flask of ointment, she stood behind Jesus at his feet weeping and began to bathe his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them, and anointed them with the ointment. When the Pharisee who had invited Jesus saw this he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner." Jesus said to him in reply, "Simon, I have something to

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Then Jesus turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? When I entered your house, you did not give me water for my feet, but she has bathed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but she has not ceased kissing my feet since the time I entered. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she anointed my feet with ointment. So I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven because she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." The others at table said to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" But he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." —The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(Cf. Ps 28 (27): 8-9)

The Lord is the strength of his people,
a saving refuge for the one he has anointed.
Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage,
and govern them for ever.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

COLLECT

Let us pray (*pause*)

Grant, O Lord,
that we may always revere and love your holy name,
for you never deprive of your guidance
those you set firm on the foundation of your love.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. R. Amen.

READINGS (*see pp. 72-79*)

The Creed is said.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive, O Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation and praise
and grant that, cleansed by its action,
we may make offering of a heart pleasing to you.
Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

PREFACE OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

(see pp. 165-170)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(Ps 145 (144):15)

The eyes of all look to you, Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.

Or

(Jn 10:11, 15)

I am the Good Shepherd,
and I lay down my life for my sheep, says the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray (*pause*)

Renewed and nourished

by the Sacred Body and Precious Blood of your Son,

we ask of your mercy, O Lord,

that what we celebrate with constant devotion

may be our sure pledge of redemption.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

SOLEMN BLESSING IN ORDINARY TIME

(see pp. 171-175)

READINGS

Year A

FIRST READING (*He has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked.*)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah (20:10-13)

Jeremiah said: "I hear the whisperings of many: 'Terror on every side! Denounce! Let us denounce him!' All those who were my friends are on the watch for any misstep of mine. 'Perhaps he will be trapped; then we can prevail, and take our vengeance on him.' But the Lord is with me, like a mighty champion: my persecutors will stumble, they will not triumph. In their failure they will be put to utter shame, to lasting, unforgettable confusion. O Lord of hosts, you who test the just, who probe mind and heart, let me witness the vengeance you take on them, for to you I have entrusted my cause. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked!" —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (69:8-10, 14,17, 33-35)

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me. (*Ps 69:14c*)

For your sake I bear insult, and shame covers my face. I have become an outcast to my brothers, a stranger to my children, because zeal for your house consumes me, and the insults of those who blaspheme you fall upon me. (*R*)

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me. (*Ps 69:14c*)

I pray to you, O Lord, for the time of your favor, O God! In your great kindness answer me with your constant help. Answer me, O Lord, for bounteous is your kindness; in your great mercy turn toward me. (*R*)

“See, you lowly ones, and be glad; you who seek God, may your hearts revive! For the Lord hears the poor, and his own who are in bonds he spurns not. Let the heavens and the earth praise him, the seas and whatever moves in them!” (*R*)

SECOND READING (*The gift is not like the transgression.*)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans (5:12-15)

Brothers and sisters: Through one man sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned—for up to the time of the law, sin was in the world, though sin is not accounted when there is no law. But death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin after the pattern of the trespass of Adam, who is the type of the one who was to come.

But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many. —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Jn 15:26b, 27a*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Spirit of truth will testify to me, says the Lord; and you also will testify. (R)

GOSPEL (*Do not be afraid of those who kill the body.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (10:26-33)

Jesus said to the Twelve: "Fear no one. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known. What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna. Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father." —The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Year B

FIRST READING (*Here shall your proud waves be stilled!*)

A reading from the Book of Job (38:1, 8-11)

The Lord addressed Job out of the storm and said: Who shut within doors the sea, when it burst forth from the womb; when I made the clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling bands? When I set limits for it and fastened the bar of its door, and said: Thus far shall you come but no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stilled! —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31)

R. Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting. (*Ps 107:1b*)

Or Alleluia.

They who sailed the sea in ships, trading on the deep waters, these saw the works of the Lord and his wonders in the abyss. (*R*)

His command raised up a storm wind which tossed its waves on high. They mounted up to heaven; they sank to the depths; their hearts melted away in their plight. (*R*)

They cried to the Lord in their distress; from their straits he rescued them, he hushed the storm to a gentle breeze, and the billows of the sea were stilled. (*R*)

They rejoiced that they were calmed, and he brought them to their desired haven. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his kindness and his wondrous deeds to the children of men. (*R*)

SECOND READING (*Behold, new things have come.*)

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

(5:14-17)

Brothers and sisters: The love of Christ impels us, once we have come to the conviction that one died for all; therefore, all have died. He indeed died for all, so that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

Consequently, from now on we regard no one according to the flesh; even if we once knew Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know him so no longer. So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Lk 7:16*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

A great prophet has risen in our midst; God has visited his people. (R)

GOSPEL (*Who is this whom even wind and sea obey?*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

(4:35-41)

On that day, as evening drew on, Jesus said to his disciples:

“Let us cross to the other side.” Leaving the crowd, they took Jesus with them in the boat just as he was. And other boats were with him. A violent squall came up and waves were breaking over the boat, so that it was already filling up. Jesus was in the stern, asleep on a cushion. They woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care

that we are perishing?" He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" They were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?" —The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Year C

FIRST READING (*They shall look on him whom they have pierced.*)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Zechariah (12:10-11; 13:1)

Thus says the Lord: I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and petition; and they shall look on him whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him as one mourns for an only son, and they shall grieve over him as one grieves over a firstborn.

On that day the mourning in Jerusalem shall be as great as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the plain of Megiddo.

On that day there shall be open to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, a fountain to purify from sin and uncleanness. —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9)

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. (*Ps 63:2b*)

O God, you are my God whom I seek; for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts; like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water. (*R*)

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary to see your power and your glory, for your kindness is a greater good than life; my lips shall glorify you. (*R*)

Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name. As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied, and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you. (*R*)

You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy. My soul clings fast to you; your right hand upholds me. (*R*)

SECOND READING (*All of you who were baptized have clothed yourselves with Christ.*)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians (3:26-29)

Brothers and sisters: Through faith you are all children of God in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendant, heirs according to the promise. —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Jn 10:27*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. (*R*)

GOSPEL (*You are the Christ of God. The Son of Man must suffer greatly.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (9:18-24)

Once when Jesus was praying in solitude, and the disciples were with him, he asked them, "Who do the crowds say that I am?" They said in reply, "John the Baptist; others, Elijah; still others, 'One of the ancient prophets has arisen.'" Then Jesus said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said in reply, "The Christ of God." Jesus rebuked them and directed them not to tell this to anyone.

Jesus said, "The Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised." Then he said to all, "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it." —The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(Ps 47 (46):2)

All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

COLLECT

Let us pray (*pause*)

O God, who through the grace of adoption
chose us to be children of light,
grant, we pray,
that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error
but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

READINGS (*see pp. 82-91*)

The Creed is said.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who graciously accomplish
the effects of your mysteries,
grant, we pray,
that the deeds by which we serve you
may be worthy of these sacred gifts.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

PREFACE OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

(see pp. 165-170)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(Cf. Ps 103 (102):1)

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.

Or

(Jn 17:20-21)

O Father, I pray for them, that they may be one in us,
that the world may believe that you have sent me, says
the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray (*pause*)

May this divine sacrifice we have offered and received
fill us with life, O Lord, we pray,
so that, bound to you in lasting charity,
we may bear fruit that lasts for ever.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

SOLEMN BLESSING IN ORDINARY TIME

(see pp. 171-175)

READINGS

Year A

FIRST READING (*Elisha is a holy man of God, let him remain.*)

A reading from the second Book of Kings (4:8-11, 14-16a)

One day Elisha came to Shunem, where there was a woman of influence, who urged him to dine with her. Afterward, whenever he passed by, he used to stop there to dine. So she said to her husband, "I know that Elisha is a holy man of God. Since he visits us often, let us arrange a little room on the roof and furnish it for him with a bed, table, chair, and lamp, so that when he comes to us he can stay there." Sometime later Elisha arrived and stayed in the room overnight.

Later Elisha asked, "Can something be done for her?" His servant Gehazi answered, "Yes! She has no son, and her husband is getting on in years." Elisha said, "Call her." When the woman had been called and stood at the door, Elisha promised, "This time next year you will be fondling a baby son." —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19)

R. Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. (*Ps 89:2a*)

The promises of the Lord I will sing forever, through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness. For you have said, "My kindness is established forever;" in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness. (*R*)

R. Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. (*Ps 89:2a*)

Blessed the people who know the joyful shout; in the light of your countenance, O Lord, they walk. At your name they rejoice all the day, and through your justice they are exalted. (*R*)

You are the splendor of their strength, and by your favor our horn is exalted. For to the Lord belongs our shield, and to the Holy One of Israel, our king. (*R*)

SECOND READING (*Buried with Christ in baptism, we shall walk in the newness of life.*)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans (6:3-4, 8-11)

Brothers and sisters: Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.

If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him. As to his death, he died to sin once and for all; as to his life, he lives for God. Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus. —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*1 Pt 2:9*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation; announce the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (*R*)

GOSPEL (*Whoever does not take up his cross is not worthy of me. Whoever receives you receives me.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (10:37-42)

Jesus said to his apostles: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward." — The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Year B

FIRST READING (*By the envy of the devil, death entered the world.*)

A reading from the Book of Wisdom (1:13-15; 2:23-24)

God did not make death, nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living. For he fashioned all things that they might have being; and the creatures of the world are wholesome, and there is not a destructive drug among them nor any domain of the netherworld on earth, for justice is undying. For God formed man to be imperishable; the image of his own nature he made him.

But by the envy of the devil, death entered the world, and they who belong to his company experience it. — The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13)

R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me. (*Ps 30:2a*)

I will extol you, O Lord, for you drew me clear and did not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you brought me up from the netherworld; you preserved me from among those going down into the pit. (*R*)

Sing praise to the Lord, you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger lasts but a moment; a lifetime, his good will. At nightfall, weeping enters in, but with the dawn, rejoicing. (*R*)

Hear, O Lord, and have pity on me; O Lord, be my helper. You changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord, my God, forever will I give you thanks. (*R*)

SECOND READING (*Your abundance should supply the needs of the poor.*)

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

(8:7, 9, 13-15)

Brothers and sisters: As you excel in every respect, in faith, discourse, knowledge, all earnestness, and in the love we have for you, may you excel in this gracious act also.

For you know the gracious act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, for your sake he became

poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. Not that others should have relief while you are burdened, but that as a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their needs, so that their abundance may also supply your needs, that there may be equality. As it is written: *Whoever had much did not have more, and whoever had little did not have less.* — The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Cf. 2 Tm 1:10*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life to light through the Gospel. (R)

(Long Form)

GOSPEL (*Little girl, I say to you, arise!*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (5:21-43)

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered around him, and he stayed close to the sea. One of the synagogue officials, named Jairus, came forward. Seeing Jesus he fell at his feet and pleaded earnestly with him, saying, "My daughter is at the point of death. Please, come lay your hands on her that she may get well and live." Jesus went off with him, and a large crowd followed him and pressed upon him.

There was a woman afflicted with hemorrhages for twelve years. She had suffered greatly at the hands of many doctors and had spent all that she had. Yet she was not helped but only grew worse. She had heard about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched

his cloak. She said, "If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured." Immediately her flow of blood dried up. She felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction. Jesus, aware at once that power had gone out from him, turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who has touched my clothes?" But his disciples said to Jesus, "You see how the crowd is pressing upon you, and yet you ask, 'Who touched me?'" And he looked around to see who had done it. The woman, realizing what had happened to her, approached in fear and trembling. She fell down before Jesus and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has saved you. Go in peace and be cured of your affliction."

While he was still speaking, people from the synagogue official's house arrived and said, "Your daughter has died; why trouble the teacher any longer?" Disregarding the message that was reported, Jesus said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." He did not allow anyone to accompany him inside except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they arrived at the house of the synagogue official, he caught sight of a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. So he went in and said to them, "Why this commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep." And they ridiculed him. Then he put them all out. He took along the child's father and mother and those who were with him and entered the room where the child was. He took the child by the hand and said to her, "*Talitha koum,*" which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!" The girl, a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around. At that

they were utterly astounded. He gave strict orders that no one should know this and said that she should be given something to eat. —The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(Short Form)

GOSPEL (*Little girl, I say to you, arise!*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (5:21-24, 35b-43)

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R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Year C

FIRST READING (*Then Elisha left and followed Elijah as his attendant.*)

A reading from the first Book of Kings (19:16b, 19-21)

The Lord said to Elijah: "You shall anoint Elisha, son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah, as prophet to succeed you."

Elijah set out and came upon Elisha, son of Shaphat, as he was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen; he was following the twelfth. Elijah went over to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Please, let me kiss my father and mother goodbye, and I will follow you." Elijah answered, "Go back! Have I done anything to you?" Elisha left him, and taking the yoke of oxen, slaughtered them; he used the plowing equipment for fuel to boil their flesh, and gave it to his people to eat. Then Elisha left and followed Elijah as his attendant. —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11)

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord. (*Cf. Ps 16:5a*)

Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge; I say to the Lord, "My Lord are you. O Lord, my allotted portion and my cup, you it is who hold fast my lot." (R)

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord. (*Cf. Ps 16:5a*)

I bless the Lord who counsels me; even in the night my heart exhorts me. I set the Lord ever before me; with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed. (*R*)

Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices, my body, too, abides in confidence because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld, nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption. (*R*)

You will show me the path to life, fullness of joys in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever. (*R*)

SECOND READING (*You were called for freedom.*)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians (5:1, 13-18)

Brothers and sisters: For freedom Christ set us free; so stand firm and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.

For you were called for freedom, brothers and sisters. But do not use the freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather, serve one another through love. For the whole law is fulfilled in one statement, namely, *You shall love your neighbor as yourself*. But if you go on biting and devouring one another, beware that you are not consumed by one another.

I say, then: live by the Spirit and you will certainly not gratify the desire of the flesh. For the flesh has desires against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; these are opposed to each other, so that you may not do what you want. But if you are guided by the Spirit, you are not under the law. —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*1 Sm 3:9; Jn 6:68c*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life. (R)

GOSPEL (*He resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem. I will follow you wherever you go.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (9:51-62)

When the days for Jesus' being taken up were fulfilled, he resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem, and he sent messengers ahead of him. On the way they entered a Samaritan village to prepare for his reception there, but they would not welcome him because the destination of his journey was Jerusalem. When the disciples James and John saw this they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?" Jesus turned and rebuked them, and they journeyed to another village.

As they were proceeding on their journey someone said to Jesus, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus answered, "Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head."

And to another he said, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, let me go first and bury my father." But he answered him, "Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." And another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home." To him Jesus said, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God." —The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(Cf. Ps 48 (47):10-11)

Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

COLLECT

Let us pray *(pause)*

O God, who in the abasement of your Son
have raised up a fallen world,
fill your faithful with holy joy,
for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin
you bestow eternal gladness.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

READINGS *(see pp. 94-102)*

The Creed is said.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this oblation dedicated to your name
purify us, O Lord,
and day by day bring our conduct
closer to the life of heaven.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

PREFACE OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

(see pp. 165-170)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(Ps 34 (33):9)

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

Or

(Mt 11:28)

Come to me, all who labor and are burdened,
and I will refresh you, says the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray (*pause*)

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that, having been replenished by such great gifts,
we may gain the prize of salvation
and never cease to praise you.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

SOLEMN BLESSING IN ORDINARY TIME

(see pp. 171-175)

READINGS

Year A

FIRST READING (*See, your king comes to you humbly.*)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Zechariah (9:9-10)

Thus says the Lord: Rejoice heartily, O daughter Zion, shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king shall come to you; a just savior is he, meek, and riding on an ass, on a colt, the foal of an ass. He shall banish the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem; the warrior's bow shall be banished, and he shall proclaim peace to the nations. His dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14)

R. I will praise your name forever, my king and my God.

(*Cf. Ps 145:1*)

Or Alleluia.

I will extol you, O my God and King, and I will bless your name forever and ever. Every day will I bless you, and I will praise your name forever and ever. (*R*)

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. The Lord is good to all and compassionate toward all his works. (*R*)

Let all your works give you thanks, O Lord, and let your faithful ones bless you. Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might. (*R*)

R. I will praise your name forever, my king and my God.

(Cf. Ps 145:1)

Or Alleluia.

The Lord is faithful in all his words and holy in all his works. The Lord lifts up all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. *(R)*

SECOND READING *(If by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.)*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans (8:9, 11-13)

Brothers and sisters: You are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit that dwells in you. Consequently, brothers and sisters, we are not debtors to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. —The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Cf. Mt 11:25)*

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

(R)

GOSPEL (*I am meek and humble of heart.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (11:25-30)

At that time Jesus exclaimed: "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him."

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." —The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Year B

FIRST READING (*They are a rebellious house but shall know that a prophet has been among them.*)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel (2:2-5)

As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me: Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have revolted against me to this very day. Hard of face and obstinate of heart are they to whom I am sending you. But you shall say to them: Thus says the Lord God! And whether they heed or resist—for they are a

rebellious house—they shall know that a prophet has been among them. —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (123:1-2, 2, 3-4)

R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.
(*Ps 123:2cd*)

To you I lift up my eyes who are enthroned in heaven—As the eyes of servants are on the hands of their masters. (*R*)

As the eyes of a maid are on the hands of her mistress, so are our eyes on the Lord, our God, till he has pity on us. (*R*)

Have pity on us, O Lord, have pity on us, for we are more than sated with contempt; our souls are more than sated with the mockery of the arrogant, with the contempt of the proud. (*R*)

SECOND READING (*I will boast in my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell in me.*)

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

(12:7-10)

Brothers and sisters: That I, Paul, might not become too elated, because of the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, an angel of Satan, to beat me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I begged the Lord about this, that it might leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me. Therefore, I am content with weaknesses,

insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong. —
The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Cf. Lk 4:18*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor. (*R*)

GOSPEL (*A prophet is not without honor except in his native place.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (6:1-6)

Jesus departed from there and came to his native place, accompanied by his disciples. When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands! Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith. —
The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Year C

FIRST READING (*Behold, I will spread prosperity over her like a river.*)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (66:10-14c)

Thus says the Lord: Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad because of her, all you who love her; exult, exult with her, all you who were mourning over her! Oh, that you may suck fully of the milk of her comfort, that you may nurse with delight at her abundant breasts! For thus says the Lord: Lo, I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing torrent. As nurslings, you shall be carried in her arms, and fondled in her lap; as a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; in Jerusalem you shall find your comfort.

When you see this, your heart shall rejoice and your bodies flourish like the grass; the Lord's power shall be known to his servants. — The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16,20)

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. (*Ps 66:1*)

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth, sing praise to the glory of his name; proclaim his glorious praise. Say to God, "How tremendous are your deeds!" (*R*)

"Let all on earth worship and sing praise to you, sing praise to your name!" Come and see the works of God, his tremendous deeds among the children of Adam. (*R*)

He has changed the sea into dry land; through the river they passed on foot; therefore let us rejoice in him. He rules by his might forever. (*R*)

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. (*Ps 66:1*)

Hear now, all you who fear God, while I declare what he has done for me. Blessed be God who refused me not my prayer or his kindness! (*R*)

SECOND READING (*I bear the marks of Jesus on my body.*)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians (6:14-18)

Brothers and sisters: May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither does circumcision mean anything, nor does uncircumcision, but only a new creation. Peace and mercy be to all who follow this rule and to the Israel of God.

From now on, let no one make troubles for me; for I bear the marks of Jesus on my body.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen. — The Word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Col 3:15a, 16a*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia

Let the peace of Christ control your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. (*R*)

(Long Form)

GOSPEL (*Your peace will rest on that person.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (10:1-12, 17-20)

At that time the Lord appointed seventy-two others whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit. He said to them, "The harvest

is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way. Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.' If a peaceful person lives there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you. Stay in the same house and eat and drink what is offered to you, for the laborer deserves his payment. Do not move about from one house to another. Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.' Whatever town you enter and they do not receive you, go out into the streets and say, 'The dust of your town that clings to our feet, even that we shake off against you.' Yet know this: the kingdom of God is at hand. I tell you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom on that day than for that town."

The seventy-two returned rejoicing, and said, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us because of your name." Jesus said, "I have observed Satan fall like lightning from the sky. Behold, I have given you the power to 'tread upon serpents' and scorpions and upon the full force of the enemy and nothing will harm you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven." —The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(Short Form)

GOSPEL (*Your peace will rest on that person.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (10:1-9)

At that time the Lord appointed seventy-two others whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit. He said to them, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way. Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.' If a peaceful person lives there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you. Stay in the same house and eat and drink what is offered to you, for the laborer deserves his payment. Do not move about from one house to another. Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.'" —The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(Cf. Ps 17 (16):15)

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

COLLECT

Let us pray (*pause*)

O God, who show the light of your truth
to those who go astray,
so that they may return to the right path,
give all who for the faith they profess
are accounted Christians
the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of
Christ
and to strive after all that does it honor.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. R. Amen.

READINGS (*see pp. 105-115*)

The Creed is said.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look upon the offerings of the Church, O Lord,
as she makes her prayer to you,
and grant that, when consumed by those who believe,
they may bring ever greater holiness.
Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

PREFACE OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

(see pp. 165-170)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(Cf. Ps 84 (83):4-5)

The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.

Or

(Jn 6:57)

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray *(pause)*

Having consumed these gifts, we pray, O Lord,
that, by our participation in this mystery,
its saving effects upon us may grow.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

SOLEMN BLESSING IN ORDINARY TIME

(see pp. 171-175)

READINGS

Year A

FIRST READING (*The rain makes the earth fruitful.*)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (55:10-11)

Thus says the Lord: Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it. —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (65:10, 11, 12-13, 14)

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest. (*Lk 8:8*)

You have visited the land and watered it; greatly have you enriched it. God's watercourses are filled; you have prepared the grain. (*R*)

Thus have you prepared the land: drenching its furrows, breaking up its clods, softening it with showers, blessing its yield. (*R*)

You have crowned the year with your bounty, and your paths overflow with a rich harvest; the untilled meadows overflow with it, and rejoicing clothes the hills. (*R*)

The fields are garmented with flocks and the valleys blanketed with grain. They shout and sing for joy. (*R*)

SECOND READING (*Creation awaits the revelation of the children of God.*)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans (8:18-23)

Brothers and sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. — The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will have life forever. (R)

(Long Form)

GOSPEL (*A sower went out to sow.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (13:1-23)

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he

sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

The disciples approached Jesus and said, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" He said to them in reply, "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted. To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because *they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand*. Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says: *You shall indeed hear but not understand, you shall indeed look but never see. Gross is the heart of this people, they will hardly hear with their ears, they have closed their eyes, lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts and be converted, and I heal them*.

"But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear. Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

"Hear then the parable of the sower. The seed sown on the path is the one who hears the word of the kingdom without understanding it, and the evil one comes and steals away what was sown in his heart. The seed sown on

rocky ground is the one who hears the word and receives it at once with joy. But he has no root and lasts only for a time. When some tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away. The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.” —The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(Short Form)

GOSPEL (*A sower went out to sow.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (13:1-9)

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear.” —The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Year B

FIRST READING (*Go, prophesy to my people.*)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Amos (7:12-15)

Amaziah, priest of Bethel, said to Amos, "Off with you, visionary, flee to the land of Judah! There earn your bread by prophesying, but never again prophesy in Bethel; for it is the king's sanctuary and a royal temple." Amos answered to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor have I belonged to a company of prophets; I was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores. The Lord took me from following the flock, and said to me, Go, prophesy to my people Israel." —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14)

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation. (*Ps 85:8*)

I will hear what God proclaims; the Lord—for he proclaims peace. Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, glory dwelling in our land. (*R*)

Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven. (*R*)

The Lord himself will give his benefits; our land shall yield its increase. Justice shall walk before him, and prepare the way of his steps. (*R*)

(Long Form)

SECOND READING (*God chose us in Christ, before the foundation of the world.*)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians (1:3-14)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in Christ, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him. In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will, for the praise of the glory of his grace that he granted us in the beloved, in whom we have redemption by his blood, the forgiveness of transgressions, in accord with the riches of the grace of God that he lavished upon us. In all wisdom and insight, God has made known to us the mystery of his will in accord with his favor that God set forth in the beloved as a plan for the fullness of times, to sum up all things in Christ, in heaven and on earth.

In Christ we were also chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will, so that we might exist for the praise of his glory, we who first hoped in Christ. In Christ you also, who have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and have believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, which is the first installment of our inheritance toward redemption as God's possession, to the praise of his glory. —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

(Short Form)

SECOND READING (*God chose us in Christ, before the foundation of the world.*)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians (1:3-10)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in Christ, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him. In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will, for the praise of the glory of his grace that he granted us in the beloved.

In him we have redemption by his blood, the forgiveness of transgressions, in accord with the riches of his grace that he lavished upon us. In all wisdom and insight, he has made known to us the mystery of his will in accord with his favor that he set forth in him as a plan for the fullness of times, to sum up all things in Christ, in heaven and on earth. —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Cf. Eph 1:17-18*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call. (R)

GOSPEL (*He began to send them out.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (6:7-13)

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money in their belts. They were, however, to wear sandals but not a second tunic. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave. Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them.” So they went off and preached repentance. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. —The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Year C

FIRST READING (*The word is very near to you: you have only to carry it out.*)

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy (30:10-14)

Moses said to the people: “If only you would heed the voice of the Lord, your God, and keep his commandments and statutes that are written in this book of the law, when you return to the Lord, your God, with all your heart and all your soul.

“For this command that I enjoin on you today is not too mysterious and remote for you. It is not up in the sky, that you should say, ‘Who will go up in the sky to get it for us and tell us of it, that we may carry it out?’ Nor is it across the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will cross the

sea to get it for us and tell us of it, that we may carry it out?’ No, it is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out.”
—The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (69:14,17, 30-31, 33-34, 36,37)

R. Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live. (Cf. Ps 69:33)

I pray to you, O Lord, for the time of your favor, O God! In your great kindness answer me with your constant help. Answer me, O Lord, for bounteous is your kindness: in your great mercy turn toward me. (R)

I am afflicted and in pain; let your saving help, O God, protect me. I will praise the name of God in song, and I will glorify him with thanksgiving. (R)

“See, you lowly ones, and be glad; you who seek God, may your hearts revive! For the Lord hears the poor, and his own who are in bonds he spurns not.” (R)

For God will save Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah. The descendants of his servants shall inherit it, and those who love his name shall inhabit it. (R)

Or

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (19:8, 9, 10, 11)

R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. (Ps 19:9a)

The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul; the decree of the Lord is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple. (R)

R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. (*Ps 19:9a*)

The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the command of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eye. (*R*)

The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true, all of them just. (*R*)

They are more precious than gold, than a heap of purest gold; sweeter also than syrup or honey from the comb. (*R*)

SECOND READING (*All things were created through him and for him.*)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians (1:15-20)

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he himself might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile all things for him, making peace by the blood of his cross through him, whether those on earth or those in heaven. —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Cf. Jn 6:63c, 68c*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. (*R*)

GOSPEL (*Who is my neighbor?*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (10:25-37)

There was a scholar of the law who stood up to test Jesus and said, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?" He said in reply, "*You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.*" Jesus replied to him, "You have answered correctly; do this and you will live."

But because the scholar wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw the victim, he passed by on the opposite side. Likewise a Levite came to the place, and when he saw the victim, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon the victim was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn, and cared for him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, 'Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back.' Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" The scholar answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise." — The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(Ps 54 (53):6, 8)

See, I have God for my help.

The Lord sustains my soul.

I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

COLLECT

Let us pray *(pause)*

Show favor, O Lord, to your servants
and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace,
that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity,
they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. R. Amen.

READINGS *(see pp. 118-127)*

The Creed is said.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who in the one perfect sacrifice
brought to completion varied offerings of the law,
accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your faithful servants
and make it holy, as you blessed the gifts of Abel,
so that what each has offered to the honor of your majesty
may benefit the salvation of all.
Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

PREFACE OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

(see pp. 165-170)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(Ps 111 (110):4-5)

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.

Or

(Rv 3:20)

Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord.
If anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me,
I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray (*pause*)

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord,
and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries
to pass from former ways to newness of life.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

SOLEMN BLESSING IN ORDINARY TIME

(see pp. 171-175)

READINGS

Year A

FIRST READING (*You give repentance for sins.*)

A reading from the Book of Wisdom (12:13, 16-19)

There is no god besides you who have the care of all, that you need show you have not unjustly condemned. For your might is the source of justice; your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all. For you show your might when the perfection of your power is disbelieved; and in those who know you, you rebuke temerity. But though you are master of might, you judge with clemency, and with much lenience you govern us; for power, whenever you will, attends you. And you taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind; and you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins. —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16)

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving. (*Ps 86:5a*)

You, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in kindness to all who call upon you. Hearken, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my pleading. (*R*)

All the nations you have made shall come and worship you, O Lord, and glorify your name. For you are great, and you do wondrous deeds; you alone are God. (*R*)

You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in kindness and fidelity. Turn toward me, and have pity on me; give your strength to your servant. (*R*)

SECOND READING (*The Spirit intercedes with inexpressible groanings.*)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans (8:26-27)

Brothers and sisters: The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will. —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Cf. Mt 11:25*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

(R)

(Long Form)

GOSPEL (*Let them grow together until harvest.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (13:24-43)

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the householder came to him and said, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' His slaves said to him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot

the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, "First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn."""

Jesus proposed another parable to them. "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush, and the 'birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.'"

Jesus spoke to them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened."

All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables. He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfill what had been said through the prophet: "*I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation of the world.*"

Then, dismissing the crowds, he went into the house. His disciples approached him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." Jesus said in reply, "He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Just as weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace,

where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears ought to hear.” —The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(Short Form)

GOSPEL (*Let them grow together until harvest.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (13:24-30)

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the householder came to him and said, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ His slaves said to him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’ He replied, ‘No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, “First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.”’” —The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Year B

FIRST READING (*I will gather the remnant of my flock and appoint shepherds for them.*)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah (23:1-6)

Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture, says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, against the shepherds who shepherd my people: You have scattered my sheep and driven them away. You have not cared for them, but I will take care to punish your evil deeds. I myself will gather the remnant of my flock from all the lands to which I have driven them and bring them back to their meadow; there they shall increase and multiply. I will appoint shepherds for them who will shepherd them so that they need no longer fear and tremble; and none shall be missing, says the Lord.

Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up a righteous shoot to David; as king he shall reign and govern wisely, he shall do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah shall be saved, Israel shall dwell in security. This is the name they give him: "The Lord our justice." — The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6)

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (*Ps 23:1*)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. (*R*)

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (*Ps 23:1*)

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage. (*R*)

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. (*R*)

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come. (*R*)

SECOND READING (*Christ is our peace who made both one.*)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians (2:13-18)

Brothers and sisters: In Christ Jesus you who once were far off have become near by the blood of Christ.

For he is our peace, he who made both one and broke down the dividing wall of enmity, through his flesh, abolishing the law with its commandments and legal claims, that he might create in himself one new person in place of the two, thus establishing peace, and might reconcile both with God, in one body, through the cross, putting that enmity to death by it. He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Jn 10:27*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. (*R*)

GOSPEL (*They were like sheep without a shepherd.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (6:30-34)

The apostles gathered together with Jesus and reported all they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." People were coming and going in great numbers, and they had no opportunity even to eat. So they went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place. People saw them leaving and many came to know about it. They hastened there on foot from all the towns and arrived at the place before them.

When Jesus disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. — The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Year C

FIRST READING (*Lord, do not go on past your servant.*)

A reading from the Book of Genesis (18:1-10a)

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the terebinth of Mamre, as he sat in the entrance of his tent, while the day was growing hot. Looking up, Abraham saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he ran from the entrance of the tent to greet them; and bowing to the

ground, he said: "Sir, if I may ask you this favor, please do not go on past your servant. Let some water be brought, that you may bathe your feet, and then rest yourselves under the tree. Now that you have come this close to your servant, let me bring you a little food, that you may refresh yourselves; and afterward you may go on your way." The men replied, "Very well, do as you have said."

Abraham hastened into the tent and told Sarah, "Quick, three measures of fine flour! Knead it and make rolls." He ran to the herd, picked out a tender, choice steer, and gave it to a servant, who quickly prepared it. Then Abraham got some curds and milk, as well as the steer that had been prepared, and set these before the three men; and he waited on them under the tree while they ate.

They asked Abraham, "Where is your wife Sarah?" He replied, "There in the tent." One of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah will then have a son." —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(15:2-3, 3-4, 5)

R. He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord. (*Ps 15:1a*)

One who walks blamelessly and does justice; who thinks the truth in his heart and slanders not with his tongue. (*R*)

Who harms not his fellow man, nor takes up a reproach against his neighbor; by whom the reprobate is despised, while he honors those who fear the Lord. (*R*)

R. He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord. (*Ps 15:1a*)

Who lends not his money at usury and accepts no bribe against the innocent. One who does these things shall never be disturbed. (*R*)

SECOND READING (*The mystery hidden from ages has now been manifested to his holy ones.*)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians (1:24-28)

Brothers and sisters: Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of his body, which is the church, of which I am a minister in accordance with God's stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God, the mystery hidden from ages and from generations past. But now it has been manifested to his holy ones, to whom God chose to make known the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; it is Christ in you, the hope for glory. It is he whom we proclaim, admonishing everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. — The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Cf. Lk 8:15*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. (*R*)

GOSPEL (*Martha welcomed him. Mary has chosen the better part.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (10:38-42)

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me." The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." —The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

24 June

THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

Solemnity

At the Vigil Mass

This Mass is used on the evening of 23 June, either before or after First Vespers (Evening Prayer I) of the Solemnity.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(Lk 1:15, 14)

He will be great in the sight of the Lord
and will be filled with the Holy Spirit,
even from his mother's womb;
and many will rejoice at his birth.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

COLLECT

Let us pray (*pause*)

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that your family may walk in the way of salvation
and, attentive to what Saint John the Precursor urged,
may come safely to the One he foretold,
our Lord Jesus Christ.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

READINGS (*see pp. 131-134*)

The Creed is said.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look with favor, O Lord,
upon the offerings made by your people

on the Solemnity of Saint John the Baptist,
and grant that what we celebrate in mystery
we may follow with deeds of devoted service.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

PREFACE

(The mission of the Precursor.)

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Christ our Lord.

In his Precursor, Saint John the Baptist,
we praise your great glory,
for you consecrated him for a singular honor
among those born of women.

His birth brought great rejoicing;
even in the womb he leapt for joy
at the coming of human salvation.
He alone of all the prophets
pointed out the Lamb of redemption.

And to make holy the flowing waters,
he baptized the very author of Baptism
and was privileged to bear him supreme witness
by the shedding of his blood.

And so, with the Powers of heaven,
we worship you constantly on earth,
and before your majesty
without end we acclaim:

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(Lk 1:68)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel!
He has visited his people and redeemed them.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray (*pause*)

May the marvelous prayer of Saint John the Baptist
accompany us who have eaten our fill
at this sacrificial feast, O Lord,
and, since Saint John proclaimed your Son
to be the Lamb who would take away our sins,
may he implore now for us your favor.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

READINGS

FIRST READING (*Before I formed you in the womb I knew you.*)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah (1:4-10)

In the days of King Josiah, the word of the Lord came to me, saying: Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you.

“Ah, Lord God!” I said, “I know not how to speak; I am too young.” But the Lord answered me, Say not, “I am too young.” To whomever I send you, you shall go; whatever I command you, you shall speak. Have no fear before them, because I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.

Then the Lord extended his hand and touched my mouth, saying, “See, I place my words in your mouth! This day I set you over nations and over kingdoms, to root up and to tear down, to destroy and to demolish, to build and to plant.” —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab,17)

R. Since my mother’s womb, you have been my strength.

(*Ps 71:6*)

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your justice rescue me, and deliver me; incline your ear to me, and save me. (R)

Be my rock of refuge, a stronghold to give me safety, for you are my rock and my fortress. O my God, rescue me from the hand of the wicked. (R)

R. Since my mother's womb, you have been my strength.

(Ps 71:6)

For you are my hope, O Lord; my trust, O God, from my youth. On you I depend from birth; from my mother's womb you are my strength. *(R)*

My mouth shall declare your justice, day by day your salvation. O God, you have taught me from my youth, and till the present I proclaim your wondrous deeds. *(R)*

SECOND READING *(The prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and investigated it.)*

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Peter (1:8-12)

Beloved: Although you have not seen Jesus Christ you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Concerning this salvation, prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and investigated it, investigating the time and circumstances that the Spirit of Christ within them indicated when he testified in advance to the sufferings destined for Christ and the glories to follow them. It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you with regard to the things that have now been announced to you by those who preached the Good News to you through the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels longed to look. —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Cf. Jn 1:7; Lk 1:17*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

He came to testify to the light, to prepare a people fit for the Lord. (R)

GOSPEL (*Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall name him John.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (1:5-17)

In the days of Herod, King of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah of the priestly division of Abijah; his wife was from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both were righteous in the eyes of God, observing all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blamelessly. But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren and both were advanced in years. Once when Zechariah was serving as priest in his division's turn before God, according to the practice of the priestly service, he was chosen by lot to enter the sanctuary of the Lord to burn incense. Then, when the whole assembly of the people was praying outside at the hour of the incense offering, the angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right of the altar of incense. Zechariah was troubled by what he saw, and fear came upon him. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, because your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall name him John. And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. John will drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will be filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb, and he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. He

will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah to turn their hearts toward their children and the disobedient to the understanding of the righteous, to prepare a people fit for the Lord.” —The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

24 June

THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

Solemnity

At the Mass during the Day

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(Jn 1: 6-7; Lk 1, 17)

A man was sent from God, whose name was John.
He came to testify to the light,
to prepare a people fit for the Lord.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

COLLECT

Let us pray (*pause*)

O God, who raised up Saint John the Baptist
to make ready a nation fit for Christ the Lord,
give your people, we pray,
the grace of spiritual joys
and direct the hearts of all the faithful
into the way of salvation and peace.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. R. Amen.

READINGS (*see pp. 138-140*)

The Creed is said.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

We place these offerings on your altar, O Lord,
to celebrate with fitting honor the nativity of him
who both foretold the coming of the world's Savior
and pointed him out when he came.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. R. Amen.

PREFACE

(The mission of the Precursor.)

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Christ our Lord.

In his Precursor, Saint John the Baptist,
we praise your great glory,
for you consecrated him for a singular honor
among those born of women.

His birth brought great rejoicing;
even in the womb he leapt for joy
at the coming of human salvation.
He alone of all the prophets
pointed out the Lamb of redemption.

And to make holy the flowing waters,
he baptized the very author of Baptism
and was privileged to bear him supreme witness
by the shedding of his blood.

And so, with the Powers of heaven,
we worship you constantly on earth,
and before your majesty
without end we acclaim:

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(Cf. Lk 1:78)

Through the tender mercy of our God,
the Dawn from on high will visit us.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray (*pause*)

Having feasted at the banquet of the heavenly Lamb,
we pray, O Lord,
that, finding joy in the nativity of Saint John the Baptist,
your Church may know as the author of her rebirth
the Christ whose coming John foretold.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

READINGS

FIRST READING (*I will make you a light to the nations.*)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (49:1-6)

Hear me, O coastlands, listen, O distant peoples. The Lord called me from birth, from my mother's womb he gave me my name. He made of me a sharp-edged sword and concealed me in the shadow of his arm. He made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me. You are my servant, he said to me, Israel, through whom I show my glory.

Though I thought I had toiled in vain, and for nothing, uselessly, spent my strength, yet my reward is with the Lord, my recompense is with my God. For now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb, that Jacob may be brought back to him and Israel gathered to him; and I am made glorious in the sight of the Lord, and my God is now my strength! It is too little, he says, for you to be my servant, to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and restore the survivors of Israel; I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth. — The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15)

R. I praise you, for I am wonderfully made. (*Ps 139:14*)

O Lord, you have probed me, you know me; you know when I sit and when I stand; you understand my thoughts from afar. My journeys and my rest you scrutinize, with all my ways you are familiar. (*R*)

R. I praise you, for I am wonderfully made. (*Ps 139:14*)

Truly you have formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb. I give you thanks that I am fearfully, wonderfully made; wonderful are your works. (*R*)

My soul also you knew full well; nor was my frame unknown to you when I was made in secret, when I was fashioned in the depths of the earth. (*R*)

SECOND READING (*John heralded Jesus' coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance.*)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (13:22-26)

In those days, Paul said: "God raised up David as king; of him God testified, *I have found David, son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will carry out my every wish.* From this man's descendants God, according to his promise, has brought to Israel a savior, Jesus. John heralded his coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel; and as John was completing his course, he would say, 'What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet.'

"My brothers, sons of the family of Abraham, and those others among you who are God-fearing, to us this word of salvation has been sent." —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Cf. Lk 1:76*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

You, child, will be called prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way. (*R*)

GOSPEL (*John is his name.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (1:57-66, 80)

When the time arrived for Elizabeth to have her child she gave birth to a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy toward her, and they rejoiced with her. When they came on the eighth day to circumcise the child, they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother said in reply, "No. He will be called John." But they answered her, "There is no one among your relatives who has this name." So they made signs, asking his father what he wished him to be called. Zechariah asked for a tablet and wrote, "John is his name," and all were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened, his tongue freed, and he spoke blessing God. Then fear came upon all their neighbors, and all these matters were discussed throughout the hill country of Judea. All who heard these things took them to heart, saying, "What, then, will this child be?" For surely the hand of the Lord was with him.

The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the desert until the day of his manifestation to Israel. — The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

29 June

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

Solemnity

At the Vigil Mass

This Mass is used on the evening of 28 June, either before or after First Vespers (Evening Prayer I) of the Solemnity.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Peter the Apostle, and Paul the teacher of the Gentiles,
these have taught us your law, O Lord.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

COLLECT

Let us pray (*pause*)

Grant, we pray, O Lord our God,

that we may be sustained

by the intercession of the blessed Apostles Peter and Paul,

that, as through them you gave your Church

the foundations of her heavenly office,

so through them you may help her to eternal salvation.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

READINGS (*see pp. 145-147*)

The Creed is said.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

We bring offerings to your altar, O Lord,
as we glory in the solemn feast
of the blessed Apostles Peter and Paul,
so that the more we doubt our own merits,
the more we may rejoice that we are to be saved
by your loving kindness.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

PREFACE

(The twofold mission of Peter and Paul in the Church.)

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For by your providence
the blessed Apostles Peter and Paul bring us joy:
Peter, foremost in confessing the faith,
Paul, its outstanding preacher,
Peter, who established the early Church from the remnant
of Israel,
Paul, master and teacher of the Gentiles that you call.

And so, each in a different way
gathered together the one family of Christ;
and revered together throughout the world,
they share one Martyr's crown.

And therefore, with all the Angels and Saints,
we praise you, as without end we acclaim:

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(Cf. Jn 21:15, 17)

Simon, Son of John, do you love me more than these?
Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray (*pause*)

By this heavenly Sacrament, O Lord, we pray,
strengthen your faithful,
whom you have enlightened with the teaching of the
Apostles.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

SOLEMN BLESSING

Bow down for the blessing.

(*The priest, with hands extended over the people, says the blessing.*)

May almighty God bless you,
for he has made you steadfast in Saint Peter's saving
confession
and through it has set you on the solid rock of the
Church's faith.

R. Amen.

And having instructed you
by the tireless preaching of Saint Paul,
may God teach you constantly by his example
to win brothers and sisters for Christ.

R. Amen.

So that by the keys of St Peter and the words of St Paul,
and by the support of their intercession,
God may bring us happily to that homeland
that Peter attained on a cross
and Paul by the blade of a sword.

R. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.

R. Amen.

READINGS

FIRST READING (*What I do have I give you: in the name of Jesus, rise and walk.*)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (3:1-10)

Peter and John were going up to the temple area for the three o'clock hour of prayer. And a man crippled from birth was carried and placed at the gate of the temple called "The Beautiful Gate" every day to beg for alms from the people who entered the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked for alms. But Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." The man paid attention to them, expecting to receive something from them. Peter said, "I have neither silver nor gold, but what I do have I give you: in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean, rise and walk." Then Peter took the man by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles grew strong. The man leaped up, stood, and walked around, and went into the temple with them, walking and jumping and praising God. When all the people saw the man walking and praising God, they recognized him as the one who used to sit begging at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, and they were filled with amazement and astonishment at what had happened to him. —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(19:2-3, 4-5)

R. Their message goes out through all the earth. (*Ps 19:5*)

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Day pours out the word to day; and night to night imparts knowledge. (*R*)

Not a word nor a discourse whose voice is not heard; through all the earth their voice resounds, and to the ends of the world, their message. (*R*)

SECOND READING (*From my mother's womb, God set me apart.*)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians (1:11-20)

I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the Gospel preached by me is not of human origin. For I did not receive it from a human being, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

For you heard of my former way of life in Judaism, how I persecuted the Church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it, and progressed in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries among my race, since I was even more a zealot for my ancestral traditions. But when God, who from my mother's womb had set me apart and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him to the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were Apostles before me; rather, I went into Arabia and then returned to Damascus.

Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to confer with Cephas and remained with him for fifteen days. But I did not see any other of the Apostles, only James the brother of the Lord.—As to what I am writing

to you, behold, before God, I am not lying. —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Jn 21:17*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you. (R)

GOSPEL (*Feed my lambs, feed my sheep.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (21:15-19)

Jesus had revealed himself to his disciples and, when they had finished breakfast, said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." Jesus then said to Simon Peter a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." Jesus said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to Jesus, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." Jesus said this signifying by what kind of death Peter would glorify God. And when Jesus had said this, he said to Peter, "Follow me." —The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

29 June

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

Solemnity

At the Mass during the Day

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

These are the ones who, living in the flesh,
planted the Church with their blood;
they drank the chalice of the Lord
and became the friends of God.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

COLLECT

Let us pray (*pause*)

O God, who on the Solemnity of the Apostles Peter and Paul

give us the noble and holy joy of this day,
grant, we pray, that your Church
may in all things follow the teaching
of those through whom she received
the beginnings of right religion.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

READINGS (*see pp. 152-155*)

The Creed is said.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May the prayer of the Apostles, O Lord,
accompany the sacrificial gift
that we present to your name for consecration,
and may their intercession make us devoted to you
in celebration of the sacrifice.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

PREFACE

(The twofold mission of Peter and Paul in the Church.)

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For by your providence
the blessed Apostles Peter and Paul bring us joy:
Peter, foremost in confessing the faith,
Paul, its outstanding preacher,
Peter, who established the early Church from the remnant
of Israel,
Paul, master and teacher of the Gentiles that you call.

And so, each in a different way
gathered together the one family of Christ;
and revered together throughout the world,
they share one Martyr's crown.

And therefore, with all the Angels and Saints,
we praise you, as without end we acclaim:

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(Cf. Mt 16:16, 18)

Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.

And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray (*pause*)

Grant us, O Lord,

who have been renewed by this Sacrament,

so to live in the Church,

that, persevering in the breaking of the Bread

and in the teaching of the Apostles,

we may be one heart and one soul,

made steadfast in your love.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

SOLEMN BLESSING

Bow down for the blessing.

(*The priest, with hands extended over the people, says the blessing.*)

May almighty God bless you,

for he has made you steadfast in Saint Peter's saving confession

and through it has set you on the solid rock of the Church's faith.

R. Amen.

And having instructed you

by the tireless preaching of Saint Paul,

may God teach you constantly by his example to win brothers and sisters for Christ.

R. Amen.

So that by the keys of St Peter and the words of St Paul,
and by the support of their intercession,
God may bring us happily to that homeland
that Peter attained on a cross
and Paul by the blade of a sword.

R. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.

R. Amen.

READINGS

FIRST READING (*Now I know for certain that the Lord rescued me from the hand of Herod.*)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (12:1-11)

In those days, King Herod laid hands upon some members of the church to harm them. He had James, the brother of John, killed by the sword, and when he saw that this was pleasing to the Jews he proceeded to arrest Peter also. —It was the feast of Unleavened Bread. —He had Peter taken into custody and put in prison under the guard of four squads of four soldiers each. Herod intended to bring Peter before the people after Passover. Peter thus was being kept in prison, but prayer by the Church was fervently being made to God on his behalf.

On the very night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter, secured by double chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while outside the door guards kept watch on the prison. Suddenly the angel of the Lord stood by him and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and awakened him, saying, "Get up quickly." The chains fell from his wrists. The angel said to him, "Put on your belt and your sandals." Peter did so. Then the angel said to him, "Put on your cloak and follow me." So Peter followed the angel out, not realizing that what was happening through the angel was real; Peter thought he was seeing a vision. They passed the first guard, then the second, and came to the iron gate leading out to the city, which opened for them by itself. They emerged and made their way down an alley, and suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter recovered his senses and said, "Now I know for

certain that (the) Lord sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people had been expecting." —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9)

R. The Lord delivered me from all my fears. (*Ps 34:5*)

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the Lord; the lowly will hear me and be glad. (*R*)

Glorify the Lord with me, let us together extol his name. I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. (*R*)

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy, and your faces may not blush with shame. When the poor one called out, the Lord heard, and from all his distress he saved him. (*R*)

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. Taste and see how good the Lord is; blessed the man who takes refuge in him. (*R*)

SECOND READING (*From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me.*)

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

(4:6-8, 17-18)

I, Paul, am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not

only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance.

The Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the proclamation might be completed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat and will bring me safe to his heavenly Kingdom. To him be glory forever and ever. Amen. —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Mt 16:18*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. (R)

GOSPEL (*You are Peter, and I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (16:13-19)

When Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." Jesus said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the Kingdom

of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." —The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

9 July

**THE HOLY MARTYRS AND
BLESSED OF CHINA**

Feast

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(Heb 12: 1-2)

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us
and persevere in running the race that lies before us
while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus,
the leader and perfecter of faith.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

COLLECT

Let us pray *(pause)*

Almighty and eternal Father,
creator and savior of all nations,
you called people in China into the Catholic faith
and adopted them as your sons and daughters.
Through the merits and prayers of the holy martyrs of
China,
grant us the strength to bear witness to you,
especially in times of adversity.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. R. Amen.

READINGS *(see pp. 159-161)*

When this Feast is celebrated on Sunday, the Creed is said.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Lord God, accept the gifts we bring before you
on this feast of the holy martyrs.

May the Eucharist which gave them courage in persecution
make us steadfast in adversity.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

PREFACE

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

Your holy martyrs followed the example of Christ,
and shed their blood for the glory of your name.

Their death reveals your power
shining through our human frailty.

You choose the weak and make them strong in bearing
witness to you through Jesus Christ our Lord.

With joyful hearts we echo on earth the song of the angels
in heaven as they praise your glory without end:

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(Wis 3:6)

As gold in the furnace, he proved them,
and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray (*pause*)

O God, in your holy martyrs the mystery of the cross shines forth; grant that by the power of this sacrifice we too may hold fast to Christ, your Son; and labor in His Church for the salvation of all.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

SOLEMN BLESSING

Bow down for the blessing.

(The priest, with hands extended over the people, says the blessing.)

The Lord God has given us this feast to rejoice together with the martyrs of China. May He bless you and protect you through their intercession.

R. Amen.

May the Lord help you to become one Body, and live out your mission by following the example of the holy martyrs.

R. Amen.

May the risen Lord inspire you with his Word, and nourish you with his Sacraments, that you may always witness to the Gospel.

R. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

R. Amen.

READINGS

FIRST READING (*They have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb.*)

A reading from the Book of Revelation (7:9-17)

I, John, had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation comes from our God, who is seated on the throne, and from the Lamb.”

All the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They prostrated themselves before the throne, worshiped God, and exclaimed:

“Amen. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, power, and might be to our God forever and ever. Amen.”

Then one of the elders spoke up and said to me, “Who are these wearing white robes, and where did they come from?” I said to him, “My lord, you are the one who knows.” He said to me, “These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb.

“For this reason they stand before God’s throne and worship him day and night in his temple. The One who sits on the throne will shelter them. They will not hunger or thirst anymore, nor will the sun or any heat strike them. For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving

water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.” — The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps. 16:1-2,5, 9-10, 11)

R. Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge. (*Ps 16:1*)

Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge; I say to the Lord, “My Lord are you.” O Lord, my allotted portion and my cup, you it is who hold fast my lot. (*R*)

Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices, my body, too, abides in confidence; because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld, nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption. (*R*)

You will show me the path to life, abounding joy in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever. (*R*)

SECOND READING (*Nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.*)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans (8:35, 37-39)

Brothers and sisters: What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?

No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. — The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Mt 5:6,10*)

R. Alleluia.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. (R)

GOSPEL (*Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (5:1-12a)

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven. — The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prefaces of the Sundays
and Solemn Blessings
in Ordinary Time

PREFACE I OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

(The Paschal Mystery and the People of God)

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Christ our Lord.

For through his Paschal Mystery,
he accomplished the marvelous deed,
by which he has freed us from the yoke of sin and death,
summoning us to the glory of being now called
a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, a people for your own possession,
to proclaim everywhere your mighty works,
for you have called us out of darkness
into your own wonderful light.

And so, with Angels and Archangels,
with Thrones and Dominions,
and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven,
we sing the hymn of your glory,
as without end we acclaim:

PREFACE II OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

(The mystery of salvation)

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Christ our Lord.

For out of compassion for the waywardness that is ours,
he humbled himself and was born of the Virgin;
by the passion of the Cross he freed us from unending
death,
and by rising from the dead, he gave us life eternal.

And so, with Angels and Archangels,
with Thrones and Dominions,
and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven,
we sing the hymn of your glory,
as without end we acclaim:

PREFACE III OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

(The salvation of man by a man)

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For we know it belongs to your boundless glory,
that you came to the aid of mortal beings with your
divinity
and even fashioned for us a remedy out of mortality itself,
that the cause of our downfall
might become the means of our salvation,
through Christ our Lord.

Through him the host of Angels adores your majesty
and rejoices in your presence for ever.
May our voices, we pray, join with theirs
in one chorus of exultant praise, as we acclaim:

PREFACE IV OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

(The history of salvation)

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Christ our Lord.

For by his birth he brought renewal
to humanity's fallen state,
and by his suffering, canceled out our sins;
by his rising from the dead
he has opened the way to eternal life,
and by ascending to you, O Father,
he has unlocked the gates of heaven.

And so, with the company of Angels and Saints,
we sing the hymn of your praise,
as without end we acclaim:

PREFACE V OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

(Creation)

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For you laid the foundations of the world
and have arranged the changing of times and seasons;
you formed man in your own image
and set humanity over the whole world in all its wonder,
to rule in your name over all you have made
and for ever praise you in your mighty works,
through Christ our Lord.

And so, with all the Angels, we praise you,
as in joyful celebration we acclaim:

PREFACE VI OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

(The pledge of the eternal Passover)

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For in you we live and move and have our being,
and while in this body
we not only experience the daily effects of your care,
but even now possess the pledge of life eternal.

For, having received the first fruits of the Spirit,
through whom you raised up Jesus from the dead,
we hope for an everlasting share in the Paschal Mystery.

And so, with all the Angels, we praise you,
as in joyful celebration, we acclaim:

PREFACE VII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

(Salvation through the obedience of Christ)

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For you so loved the world
that in your mercy you sent us the Redeemer,
to live like us in all things but sin,
so that you might love in us what you loved in your Son,
by whose obedience we have been restored to those gifts
of yours
that, by sinning, we had lost in disobedience.

And so, Lord, with all the Angels and Saints,
we, too, give you thanks, as in exultation we acclaim:

PREFACE VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

(The Church united by the unity of the Trinity)

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For when your children were scattered afar by sin,
through the Blood of your Son and the power of the
Spirit,
you gathered them again to yourself,
that a people, formed as one by the unity of the Trinity,
made the body of Christ and the temple of the Holy
Spirit,
might, to the praise of your manifold wisdom,
be manifest as the Church.

And so, in company with the choirs of Angels,
we praise you, and with joy we proclaim:

SOLEMN BLESSING I

Bow down for the blessing.

(The priest, with hands extended over the people, says the blessing.)

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

R. Amen.

May he let his face shine upon you
and show you his mercy.

R. Amen.

May he turn his countenance towards you
and give you his peace.

R. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.

R. Amen.

SOLEMN BLESSING II

Bow down for the blessing.

(The priest, with hands extended over the people, says the blessing.)

May the peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

R. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.

R. Amen.

SOLEMN BLESSING III

Bow down for the blessing.

(The priest, with hands extended over the people, says the blessing.)

May almighty God bless you in his kindness
and pour out saving wisdom upon you.

R. Amen.

May he nourish you always with the teachings of the
faith

and make you persevere in holy deeds.

R. Amen.

May he turn your steps towards himself
and show you the path of charity and peace.

R. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.

R. Amen.

SOLEMN BLESSING IV

Bow down for the blessing.

(The priest, with hands extended over the people, says the blessing.)

May the God of all consolation order your days in his
peace
and grant you the gifts of his blessing.

R. Amen.

May he free you always from every distress
and confirm your hearts in his love.

R. Amen.

So that on this life's journey
you may be effective in good works,
rich in the gifts of hope, faith and charity,
and may come happily to eternal life.

R. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.

R. Amen.

SOLEMN BLESSING V

Bow down for the blessing.

(The priest, with hands extended over the people, says the blessing.)

May almighty God always keep every adversity far from you
and in his kindness pour out upon you the gifts of his blessing.

R. Amen.

May God keep your hearts attentive to his words,
that they may be filled with everlasting gladness.

R. Amen.

And so, may you always understand what is good and right,
and be found ever hastening along
in the path of God's commands,
made coheirs with the citizens of heaven.

R. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.

R. Amen.

SOLEMN BLESSING VI

Bow down for the blessing.

(The priest, with hands extended over the people, says the blessing.)

May God bless you with every heavenly blessing,
make you always holy and pure in his sight,
pour out in abundance upon you the riches of his glory,
and teach you with the words of truth;
may he instruct you in the Gospel of salvation,
and ever endow you with fraternal charity.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.

R. Amen.

SUNDAY MISSAL

Ordinary Time II

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