

# ORDINARY TIME IV

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# SUNDAY MISSAL



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## TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(*Cf. Est 4:17*)

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,  
and there is none that can resist your will.  
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,  
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;  
you are the Lord of all.

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

COLLECT

Let us pray (*Pause*)

Almighty ever-living God,  
who in the abundance of your kindness  
surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat  
you,  
pour out your mercy upon us  
to pardon what conscience dreads  
and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.  
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. 3-12*)

*The Creed is said.*

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, we pray,  
the sacrifices instituted by your commands  
and, through the sacred mysteries,  
which we celebrate with dutiful service,  
graciously complete the sanctifying work  
by which you are pleased to redeem us.  
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

PREFACE OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

*(see pp. 145-150)*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*(Lam 3:25)*

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,  
to the soul that seeks him.

Or

*(Cf. 1 Cor 10:17)*

Though many, we are one bread, one body,  
for we all partake of the one Bread and one Chalice.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray *(pause)*

Grant us, almighty God,  
that we may be refreshed and nourished  
by the Sacrament which we have received,  
so as to be transformed into what we consume.  
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

SOLEMN BLESSING IN ORDINARY TIME

*(see pp. 151-155)*



## READINGS

### Year A

FIRST READING (*The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel.*)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (5:1-7)

Let me now sing of my friend, my friend's song concerning his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside; he spaded it, cleared it of stones, and planted the choicest vines; within it he built a watchtower, and hewed out a wine press. Then he looked for the crop of grapes, but what it yielded was wild grapes.

Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard: What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done? Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes? Now, I will let you know what I mean to do with my vineyard: take away its hedge, give it to grazing, break through its wall, let it be trampled! Yes, I will make it a ruin: it shall not be pruned or hoed, but overgrown with thorns and briars; I will command the clouds not to send rain upon it. The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished plant; he looked for judgment, but see, bloodshed! for justice, but hark, the outcry! — The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20)

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel. (*Is 5:7a*)

A vine from Egypt you transplanted; you drove away the nations and planted it. It put forth its foliage to the Sea, its shoots as far as the River. (*R*)

Why have you broken down its walls, so that every passer-by plucks its fruit, the boar from the forest lays it waste, and the beasts of the field feed upon it? (*R*)

Once again, O Lord of hosts, look down from heaven, and see; take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted, the son of man whom you yourself made strong. (*R*)

Then we will no more withdraw from you; give us new life, and we will call upon your name. O Lord, God of hosts, restore us; if your face shine upon us, then we shall be saved. (*R*)

SECOND READING (*Do these things, and the God of peace will be with you.*)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians (4:6-9)

Brothers and sisters: Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think

about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.—The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Cf. Jn 15:16*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, to go and bear fruit that will remain. (*R*)

GOSPEL (*He will lease his vineyard to other tenants.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (21:33-43)

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: "Hear another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and the third they stoned. Again the landowner sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones, but the tenants treated the servants in the same way. Finally, the landowner sent his son to the tenants, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized the son, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" They answered Jesus, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times."

Jesus said to them, “Did you never read in the Scriptures: *The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes?* Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit.” —The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## Year B

FIRST READING (*The two of them become one flesh.*)

A reading from the Book of Genesis (2:18-24)

The Lord God said: “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him.” So the Lord God formed out of the ground various wild animals and various birds of the air, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them; whatever the man called each of them would be its name. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of the air, and all wild animals; but none proved to be the suitable partner for the man.

So the Lord God cast a deep sleep on the man, and while the man was asleep, the Lord God took out one of the man’s ribs and closed up its place with flesh. The Lord God then built up into a woman the rib that he had taken from the man. When the Lord God brought her to the man, the man said: “This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called ‘woman’, for out of ‘her man’ this one has been taken.” That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh. —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6)

R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives. (*Cf. Ps 128:5*)

Blessed are you who fear the Lord, who walk in his ways!  
For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork; blessed shall  
you be, and favored. (*R*)

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your  
home; your children like olive plants around your table. (*R*)

Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the Lord. The  
Lord bless you from Zion: may you see the prosperity of  
Jerusalem all the days of your life. (*R*)

May you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel!  
(*R*)

SECOND READING (*He who consecrates and those who are being  
consecrated all have one origin.*)

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (2:9-11)

Brothers and sisters: He "for a little while" was made  
"lower than the angels", that by the grace of God he might  
taste death for everyone.

For it was fitting that he, for whom and through  
whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory,  
should make the leader to their salvation perfect through  
suffering. He who consecrates and those who are being  
consecrated all have one origin. Therefore, he is not  
ashamed to call them "brothers". —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (1 Jn 4: 12)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

If we love one another, God remains in us and his love is brought to perfection in us. (R)

(Long Form)

GOSPEL (*Therefore what God has joined together, let no human being separate.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (10:2-16)

The Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, "Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?" They were testing him. He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, *God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.* So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate." In the house the disciples again questioned Jesus about this. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

And people were bringing children to him that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this he became indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a

child will not enter it." Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them. — The Gospel of the Lord.  
R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(Short Form)

GOSPEL (*What God has joined together, let no human being separate.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (10:2-12)

The Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, "Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?" They were testing him. He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, *God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.* So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate." In the house the disciples again questioned Jesus about this. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." — The Gospel of the Lord.  
R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## Year C

FIRST READING (*The just one, because of his faith, shall live.*)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Habakkuk (1:2-3; 2:2-4)

How long, O Lord? I cry for help but you do not listen! I cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not intervene. Why do you let me see ruin; why must I look at misery? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and clamorous discord. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write down the vision clearly upon the tablets, so that one can read it readily. For the vision still has its time, presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint; if it delays, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not be late. The rash one has no integrity; but the just one, because of his faith, shall live. —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9)

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (*Ps 95:8*)

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord; let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him. (*R*)

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the Lord who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides. (*R*)

Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works." (*R*)



SECOND READING (*Do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord.*)

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

(1:6-8, 13-14)

Beloved: I remind you to stir into flame the gift of God that you have through the imposition of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. So do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord, nor of me, a prisoner for his sake; but bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.

Take as your norm the sound words that you heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard this rich trust with the help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us. —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*1 Pt 1:25*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The word of the Lord remains for ever. This is the word that has been proclaimed to you. (*R*)

GOSPEL (*If you have faith!*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (17:5-10)

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your servant who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here immediately and take your place at table'? Would he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for

me to eat. Put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink. You may eat and drink when I am finished'? Is he grateful to that servant because he did what was commanded? So should it be with you. When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'" —The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*(Ps 130 (129):3-4)*

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?  
But with you is found forgiveness,  
O God of Israel.

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

COLLECT

Let us pray *(pause)*

May your grace, O Lord, we pray,  
at all times go before us and follow after  
and make us always determined  
to carry out good works.

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. 15-24)*

*The Creed is said.*

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful  
with the sacrificial offerings,  
that, through these acts of devotedness,  
we may pass over to the glory of heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

Ordinary Time

PREFACE OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

*(see pp. 145-150)*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*(Cf. Ps 34 (33):11)*

The rich suffer want and go hungry,  
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Or

*(1 Jn 3:2)*

When the Lord appears, we shall be like him,  
for we shall see him as he is.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray *(pause)*

We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord,  
that, as you feed us with the nourishment  
which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your  
Son,

so you may make us sharers of his divine nature.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. R. Amen.

SOLEMN BLESSING IN ORDINARY TIME

*(see pp. 151-155)*

## READINGS

### Year A

FIRST READING (*The Lord will prepare a feast and wipe away the tears from every face.*)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (25:6-10a)

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines. On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever. The Lord God will wipe away the tears from every face; the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the Lord has spoken. On that day it will be said: "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the Lord for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!" For the hand of the Lord will rest on this mountain. —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

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

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. (*Ps 23:6cd*)

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*)

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*)

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. (*Ps 23:6cd*)

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 (*I can do all things in him who strengthens me.*)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

(4:12-14, 19-20)

Brothers and sisters: I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance. In every circumstance and in all things I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. I can do all things in him who strengthens me. Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress.

My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father, glory forever and ever. Amen. —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, so that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call. (*R*)

(Long Form)

GOSPEL (*Invite to the wedding feast whomever you find.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (22:1-14)

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those invited: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast.'" Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.' The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to meet the guests, he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment. The king said to him, 'My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?' But the man was reduced to silence. Then the king said to his attendants, 'Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.' Many are invited, but few are chosen." —The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(Short Form)

GOSPEL (*Invite to the wedding feast whomever you find.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (22:1-10)

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those invited: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast.'" Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.' The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests." —The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## Year B

FIRST READING (*I deemed riches nothing in comparison to wisdom.*)

A reading from the Book of Wisdom (7:7-11)

I prayed, and prudence was given me; I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. I preferred her to scepter and throne, and deemed riches nothing in comparison with



her, nor did I liken any priceless gem to her; because all gold, in view of her, is a little sand, and before her, silver is to be accounted mire. Beyond health and comeliness I loved her, and I chose to have her rather than the light, because the splendor of her never yields to sleep. Yet all good things together came to me in her company, and countless riches at her hands. —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17)

R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy! (*Ps 90:14*)

Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart. Return, O Lord! How long? Have pity on your servants! (*R*)

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days. Make us glad, for the days when you afflicted us, for the years when we saw evil. (*R*)

Let your work be seen by your servants and your glory by their children; and may the gracious care of the Lord our God be ours; prosper the work of our hands for us! Prosper the work of our hands! (*R*)

SECOND READING (*The word of God discerns reflections and thoughts of the heart.*)

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (4:12-13)

Brothers and sisters: Indeed the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword,

penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart. No creature is concealed from him, but everything is naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must render an account. — The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Mt 5:3*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (*R*)

(Long Form)

GOSPEL (*Sell what you have, and follow me.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (10:17-30)

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up, knelt down before him, and asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus answered him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: *You shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud; honor your father and your mother.*" He replied and said to Jesus, "Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." At that statement his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom

of God!" The disciples were amazed at his words. So Jesus again said to them in reply, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." Peter began to say to him, "We have given up everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Amen, I say to you, there is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not receive a hundred times more now in this present age: houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and eternal life in the age to come." — The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(Short Form)

GOSPEL (*Sell what you have, and follow me.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (10:17-27)

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up, knelt down before him, and asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus answered him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: *You shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud; honor your father and your mother.*" He replied and said to Jesus, "Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth." Jesus, looking at him,

loved him and said to him, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." At that statement his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

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R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## Year C

FIRST READING (*Naaman returned to the man of God and acknowledged the Lord.*)

A reading from the second Book of Kings (5:14-17)

Naaman went down and plunged into the Jordan seven times at the word of Elisha, the man of God. Naaman's flesh became again like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean of his leprosy.

Naaman returned with his whole retinue to the man of God. On his arrival he stood before Elisha and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth, except in Israel. Please accept a gift from your servant."

Elisha replied, "As the Lord lives whom I serve, I will not take it;" and despite Naaman's urging, Elisha still refused. Naaman said: "If you will not accept, please let me, your servant, have two mule-loads of earth, for I will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any other god except to the Lord." —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(98:1, 2-3, 3-4)

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

*(Cf. Ps 98:2b)*

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds; his right hand has won victory for him, his holy arm.

*(R)*

The Lord has made his salvation known: in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice. He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel. *(R)*

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God. Sing joyfully to the Lord, all you lands: break into song; sing praise. *(R)*

SECOND READING *(If we persevere we shall also reign with Christ.)*

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy (2:8-13)

Beloved: Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David: such is my gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus,

together with eternal glory. This saying is trustworthy: If we have died with Christ we shall also live with him; if we persevere we shall also reign with him. But if we deny him he will deny us. If we are unfaithful he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself. —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*1 Thes 5:18*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

In all circumstances, give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. (*R*)

GOSPEL (*None but this foreigner has returned to give thanks to God.*)

A reading from holy Gospel according to Luke (17:11-19)

As Jesus continued his journey to Jerusalem, he traveled through Samaria and Galilee. As he was entering a village, ten lepers met him. They stood at a distance from him and raised their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!" And when Jesus saw them, he said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." As they were going they were cleansed. And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then Jesus said to the Samaritan, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." —The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(Cf. Ps 17 (16):6, 8)

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;  
turn your ear to me; hear my words.  
Guard me as the apple of your eye;  
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

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

COLLECT

Let us pray (*pause*)

Almighty ever-living God,  
grant that we may always conform our will to yours  
and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart.  
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. 27-35*)

*The Creed is said.*

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant us, Lord, we pray,  
a sincere respect for your gifts,  
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. 145-150)*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*(Cf. Ps 33 (32):18-19)*

Behold, the eyes of the Lord  
are on those who fear him,  
who hope in his merciful love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine.

Or

*(Mk 10:45)*

The Son of Man has come  
to give his life as a ransom for many.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray *(pause)*

Grant, O Lord, we pray,  
that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things,  
we may be helped by what you give in this present age  
and prepared for the gifts that are eternal.

Through Christ our Lord.

R.Amen.

SOLEMN BLESSING IN ORDINARY TIME

*(see pp. 151-155)*



## READINGS

### Year A

FIRST READING (*I have grasped the right hand of Cyrus to subdue the nations before him.*)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (45:1, 4-6)

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, Cyrus, whose right hand I grasp, subduing nations before him, and making kings run in his service, opening doors before him and leaving the gates unbarred: For the sake of Jacob, my servant, of Israel, my chosen one, I have called you by your name, giving you a title, though you knew me not. I am the Lord and there is no other, there is no God besides me. It is I who arm you, though you know me not, so that toward the rising and the setting of the sun people may know that there is none besides me. I am the Lord, there is no other.  
—The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10)

R. Give the Lord glory and honor. (*Ps 96:7b*)

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all you lands. Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his wondrous deeds. (*R*)

For great is the Lord and highly to be praised; awesome is he, beyond all gods. For all the gods of the nations are things of nought, but the Lord made the heavens. (*R*)

R. Give the Lord glory and honor. (*Ps 96:7b*)

Give to the Lord, you families of nations, give to the Lord glory and praise; give to the Lord the glory due his name! Bring gifts, and enter his courts. (*R*)

Worship the Lord, in holy attire; tremble before him, all the earth; say among the nations: The Lord is king, he governs the peoples with equity. (*R*)

SECOND READING (*Calling to mind faith, love, and hope.*)

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

(1:1-5b)

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father, knowing, brothers and sisters loved by God, how you were chosen. For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction. — The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Phil 2:15d, 16a*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Shine like lights in the world as you hold on to the word of life. (*R*)

GOSPEL (*Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (22:15-21)

The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech. They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a person's status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" Knowing their malice, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that Jesus said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." —The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## Year B

FIRST READING (*If he gives his life as an offering for sin, he shall see his descendants in a long life.*)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (53:10-11)

The Lord was pleased to crush him in infirmity.

If he gives his life as an offering for sin, he shall see his descendants in a long life, and the will of the Lord shall be accomplished through him.

Because of his affliction he shall see the light in fullness of days; through his suffering, my servant shall

justify many, and their guilt he shall bear. —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22)

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (*Ps 33:22*)

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*)

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 (*Let us confidently approach the throne of grace.*)

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (4:14-16)

Brothers and sisters: Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin. So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help. —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Mk 10:45*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many. (*R*)

(Long Form)

GOSPEL (*The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (10:35-45)

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." He replied, "What do you wish me to do for you?" They answered him, "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left." Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" They said to him, "We can." Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they became indignant at James and John. Jesus summoned them and said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." —The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(Short Form)

GOSPEL (*The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (10:42-45)

Jesus summoned the Twelve and said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." — The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## Year C

FIRST READING (*As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight.*)

A reading from the Book of Exodus (17:8-13)

In those days, Amalek came and waged war against Israel. Moses, therefore, said to Joshua, "Pick out certain men, and tomorrow go out and engage Amalek in battle. I will be standing on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand." So Joshua did as Moses told him: he engaged Amalek in battle after Moses had climbed to the top of the hill with Aaron and Hur. As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight, but when he let his hands rest, Amalek had the better of the fight. Moses' hands, however, grew tired; so they put a rock in place for him to sit on. Meanwhile Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side and one on the other, so that

his hands remained steady till sunset. And Joshua mowed down Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.  
— The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8)

R. Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. (*Cf. Ps 121:2*)

I lift up my eyes toward the mountains; whence shall help come to me? My help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. (*R*)

May he not suffer your foot to slip; may he slumber not who guards you: indeed he neither slumbers nor sleeps, the guardian of Israel. (*R*)

The Lord is your guardian; the Lord is your shade; he is beside you at your right hand. The sun shall not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. (*R*)

The Lord will guard you from all evil; he will guard your life. The Lord will guard your coming and your going, both now and forever. (*R*)

SECOND READING (*One who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work.*)

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy (3:14-4:2)

Beloved: Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know from whom you learned it, and that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, which are capable of giving you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is

inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that one who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingly power: proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching. —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Heb 4:12*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The word of God is living and effective, discerning reflections and thoughts of the heart. (*R*)

GOSPEL (*God will secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (18:1-8)

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. He said, "There was a judge in a certain town who neither feared God nor respected any human being. And a widow in that town used to come to him and say, 'Render a just decision for me against my adversary.' For a long time the judge was unwilling, but eventually he thought, 'While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect any human being, because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.'" The Lord said, "Pay attention to what the dishonest judge



says. Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" —The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(Cf. Ps 105 (104):3-4)

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;  
turn to the Lord and his strength;  
constantly seek his face.

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

### COLLECT

Let us pray (*pause*)

Almighty ever-living God,  
increase our faith, hope and charity,  
and make us love what you command,  
so that we may merit what you promise.  
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. 38-45*)

*The Creed is said.*

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look, we pray, O Lord,  
on the offerings we make to your majesty,  
that whatever is done by us in your service  
may be directed above all to your glory.  
Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

PREFACE OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

*(see pp.145-150)*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*(Cf. Ps 20 (19):6)*

We will ring out our joy at your saving help  
and exult in the name of our God.

Or

*(Eph 5:2)*

Christ loved us and gave himself up for us,  
as a fragrant offering to God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray *(pause)*

May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray,  
perfect in us what lies within them,  
that what we now celebrate in signs  
we may one day possess in truth.  
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

SOLEMN BLESSING IN ORDINARY TIME

*(see pp. 151-155)*

## READINGS

### Year A

FIRST READING (*If you wrong the widow and the orphan, my wrath will flare up against you.*)

A reading from the Book of Exodus (22:20-26)

Thus says the Lord: "You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt. You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry. My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword; then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans.

"If you lend money to one of your poor neighbors among my people, you shall not act like an extortioner toward him by demanding interest from him. If you take your neighbor's cloak as a pledge, you shall return it to him before sunset; for this cloak of his is the only covering he has for his body. What else has he to sleep in? If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate." — The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51)

R. I love you, Lord, my strength. (*Ps 18:2*)

I love you, O Lord, my strength, O Lord, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer. (*R*)

My God, my rock of refuge, my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold! Praised be the Lord, I exclaim, and I am safe from my enemies. (*R*)

R. I love you, Lord, my strength. (*Ps 18:2*)

The Lord lives and blessed be my rock! Extolled be God my savior. You who gave great victories to your king and showed kindness to your anointed. (*R*)

SECOND READING (*You turned from idols to serve the living and true God and to await his Son from heaven.*)

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

(1:5c-10)

Brothers and sisters: You know what sort of people we were among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, receiving the word in great affliction, with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that you became a model for all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth not only in Macedonia and in Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything. For they themselves openly declare about us what sort of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God and to await his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus, who delivers us from the coming wrath. — The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Jn 14:23*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord; and my Father will love him and we will come to him. (*R*)

GOSPEL (*You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbor as yourself.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (22:34-40)

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law, tested Jesus by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."  
— The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## Year B

FIRST READING (*The blind and the lame I will bring back: I will console them.*)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah (31:7-9)

Thus says the Lord: Shout with joy for Jacob, exult at the head of the nations; proclaim your praise and say: The Lord has delivered his people, the remnant of Israel. Behold, I will bring them back from the land of the north; I will gather them from the ends of the world, with the blind and the lame in their midst, the mothers and those with child; they shall return as an immense throng. They departed in tears, but I will console them and guide them; I will lead them to brooks of water, on a level road, so that none shall stumble. For I am a father to Israel, Ephraim is my first-born. — The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6)

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. (*Ps 126:3*)

When the Lord brought back the captives of Zion, we were like men dreaming. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with rejoicing. (*R*)

Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad indeed. (*R*)

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the torrents in the southern desert. Those that sow in tears shall reap rejoicing. (*R*)

Although they go forth weeping, carrying the seed to be sown, they shall come back rejoicing, carrying their sheaves. (*R*)

SECOND READING (*You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.*)

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

(5:1-6)

Brothers and sisters: Every high priest is taken from among men and made their representative before God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal patiently with the ignorant and erring, for he himself is beset by weakness and so, for this reason, must make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honor upon himself but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. In the same way, it was not Christ who glorified himself in becoming high priest, but rather the one who said to him: *You are my son: this day I have begotten you;*

*just as he says in another place: You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek. — The Word of the Lord.*

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Cf. 2 Tim 1:10)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

GOSPEL (*Master, I want to see.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (10:46-52)

As Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging. On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But the blind man kept calling out all the more, "Son of David, have pity on me." Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." The blind man threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to Jesus, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately the blind man received his sight and followed Jesus on the way. — The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Year C

FIRST READING (*The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds.*)

A reading from the Book of Sirach (35:12-14, 16-18)

The Lord is a God of justice, who knows no favorites. Though not unduly partial toward the weak, yet he hears the cry of the oppressed. The Lord is not deaf to the wail of the orphan, nor to the widow when she pours out her complaint. The one who serves God willingly is heard; his petition reaches the heavens. The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest till it reaches its goal, nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds, judges justly and affirms the right, and the Lord will not delay. — The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23)

R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor. (*Ps 34:7a*)

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*)

The Lord confronts the evildoers, to destroy remembrance of them from the earth. When the just cry out, the Lord hears them, and from all their distress he rescues them. (*R*)

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; and those who are crushed in spirit he saves. The Lord redeems the lives of his servants; no one incurs guilt 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, 16-18)

Beloved: I 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.

At my first defense no one appeared on my behalf, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them! But 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 (*2 Cor 5:19*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, and entrusting to us the message of salvation. (R)

GOSPEL (*The tax collector, not the Pharisee, went home justified.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (18:9-14)

Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else. "Two people went up to the Temple to

pray; one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, 'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity—greedy, dishonest, adulterous—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income.' But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." — The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*(Cf. Ps 38 (37):22-23)*

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;  
be not far from me!  
Make haste and come to my help,  
O Lord, my strong salvation!

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

COLLECT

Let us pray *(pause)*

Almighty and merciful God,  
by whose gift your faithful offer you  
right and praiseworthy service,  
grant, we pray,  
that we may hasten without stumbling  
to receive the things you have promised.  
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. 48-56)*

*The Creed is said.*

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May these sacrificial offerings, O Lord,  
become for you a pure oblation,  
and for us a holy outpouring of your mercy.  
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

PREFACE OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

*(see pp. 145-150)*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*(Cf. Ps 16 (15):11)*

You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.  
Or

*(Jn 6:58)*

Just as the living Father sent me  
and I have life because of the Father,  
so whoever feeds on me  
shall have life because of me, says the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray *(pause)*

May the working of your power, O Lord,  
increase in us, we pray,  
so that, renewed by these heavenly Sacraments,  
we may be prepared by your gift  
for receiving what they promise.  
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

SOLEMN BLESSING IN ORDINARY TIME

*(see pp. 151-155)*

## READINGS

### Year A

FIRST READING (*You have turned aside from the way, and have caused many to falter by your instruction.*)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Malachi (1:14b-2:2b, 8-10)

A great King am I, says the Lord of hosts, and my name will be feared among the nations. And now, O priests, this commandment is for you: If you do not listen, if you do not lay it to heart, to give glory to my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send a curse upon you and of your blessing I will make a curse. You have turned aside from the way, and have caused many to falter by your instruction; you have made void the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. I, therefore, have made you contemptible and base before all the people, since you do not keep my ways, but show partiality in your decisions. Have we not all the one father? Has not the one God created us? Why then do we break faith with one another, violating the covenant of our fathers? —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (131:1, 2, 3)

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

O Lord, my heart is not proud, nor are my eyes haughty; I busy not myself with great things, nor with things too sublime for me. (*R*)

Nay rather, I have stilled and quieted my soul like a weaned child. Like a weaned child on its mother's lap, so is my soul within me. (*R*)

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

O Israel, hope in the Lord, both now and forever. (R)

SECOND READING (*We were determined to share with you not only the Gospel of God, but our very selves as well.*)

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

(2:7b-9, 13)

Brothers and sisters: We were gentle among you, as a nursing mother cares for her children. With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well, so dearly beloved had you become to us. You recall, brothers and sisters, our toil and drudgery. Working night and day in order not to burden any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.

And for this reason we too give thanks to God unceasingly, that, in receiving the word of God from hearing us, you received not a human word but, as it truly is, the word of God, which is now at work in you who believe. —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Mt 23:9b, 10b*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

You have but one Father in heaven and one master, the Christ. (R)

GOSPEL (*They preach but they do not practice.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (23:1-12)

Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples, saying, "The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses. Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice. They tie up heavy burdens hard to carry and lay them on people's shoulders, but they will not lift a finger to move them. All their works are performed to be seen. They widen their phylacteries and lengthen their tassels. They love places of honor at banquets, seats of honor in synagogues, greetings in marketplaces, and the salutation 'Rabbi'. As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi'. You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." —The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## Year B

FIRST READING (*Hear, O Israel! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.*)

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy (6:2-6)

Moses spoke to the people, saying: "Fear the Lord, your God, and keep, throughout the days of your lives, all his statutes and commandments which I enjoin on you, and thus have long life. Hear then, Israel, and be careful to



observe them, that you may grow and prosper the more, in keeping with the promise of the Lord, the God of your fathers, to give you a land flowing with milk and honey.

“Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone! Therefore, you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today.” — The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51)

R. I love you, Lord, my strength. (*Ps 18:2*)

I love you, O Lord, my strength; O Lord, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer. (*R*)

My God, my rock of refuge, my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold! Praised be the Lord, I exclaim, and I am safe from my enemies. (*R*)

The Lord lives! And blessed be my rock! Extolled be God my savior. You who gave great victories to your king and showed kindness to your anointed. (*R*)

SECOND READING (*Because he remains forever, he has a priesthood that does not pass away.*)

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (7:23–28)

Brothers and sisters: The levitical priests were many because they were prevented by death from remaining in office, but Jesus, because he remains forever, has a priesthood that does not pass away. Therefore, Jesus is always able to save those who approach God through him,

since he lives forever to make intercession for them.

It was fitting that we should have such a high priest: holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, higher than the heavens. He has no need, as did the high priests, to offer sacrifice day after day, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; Jesus did that once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints men subject to weakness to be high priests, but the word of the oath, which was taken after the law, appoints a son, who has been made perfect forever. —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Jn 14:23*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord; and my Father will love him and we will come to him. (R)

GOSPEL (*Love the Lord your God. Love your neighbor.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (12:28b-34)

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: *Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.* The second is this: *You shall love your neighbor as yourself.* There is no other commandment greater than these." The scribe said to Jesus, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.' And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." And when

Jesus saw that the scribe answered with understanding, Jesus said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And no one dared to ask Jesus any more questions.  
—The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## Year C

FIRST READING (*You have mercy on all because you love all things that are.*)

A reading from the Book of Wisdom (11:22-12:2)

Before the Lord the whole universe is as a grain on a balance or a drop of morning dew come down upon the earth. But you have mercy on all, because you can do all things; and you overlook people's sins that they may repent. For you love all things that are and loathe nothing that you have made; for what you hated, you would not have fashioned. And how could a thing remain, unless you willed it; or be preserved, had it not been called forth by you? But you spare all things, because they are yours, O Lord and lover of souls, for your imperishable spirit is in all things! Therefore you rebuke offenders little by little, warn them and remind them of the sins they are committing, that they may abandon their wickedness and believe in you, O Lord! —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 for ever, my king and my God.

*(Cf. Ps 145:1)*

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)*

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 *(May the name of Christ be glorified in you and you in him.)*

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians  
(1:11-2:2)

Brothers and sisters: We always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and powerfully bring to fulfillment every good purpose and every effort of faith, that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, in accord with the grace of our God and Lord Jesus Christ.

We ask you, brothers and sisters, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our assembling with him, not to be shaken out of your minds suddenly, or to be alarmed either by a “spirit”, or by an oral statement, or by a letter allegedly from us to the effect that the day of the Lord is at hand. —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 (*The Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (19:1-10)

At that time, Jesus came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town. Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man, was seeking to see who Jesus was; but he could not see Jesus because of the crowd, for he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said, “Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house.” And he came down quickly and received Jesus with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, “He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner.” But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Behold, half of my possessions, Lord,

I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost." —The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(Cf. Ps 88 (87):3)

Let my prayer come into your presence.  
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

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

COLLECT

Let us pray (*pause*)

Almighty and merciful God,  
graciously keep from us all adversity,  
so that, unhindered in mind and body alike,  
we may pursue in freedom of heart  
the things that are yours.

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. 59-69*)

*The Creed is said.*

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look with favor, we pray, O Lord,  
upon the sacrificial gifts offered here,  
that, celebrating in mystery the Passion of your Son,  
we may honor it with loving devotion.

Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

PREFACE OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

*(see pp. 145-150)*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*(Cf. Ps 23 (22):1-2)*

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose,  
near restful waters he leads me.

Or

*(Cf. Lk 24:35)*

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray *(pause)*

Nourished by this sacred gift, O Lord,  
we give you thanks and beseech your mercy,  
that, by the pouring forth of your Spirit,  
the grace of integrity may endure  
in those your heavenly power has entered.  
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

SOLEMN BLESSING IN ORDINARY TIME

*(see pp. 151-155)*



## READINGS

### Year A

FIRST READING (*Wisdom is found by those who seek her.*)

A reading from the Book of Wisdom (6:12-16)

Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known in anticipation of their desire; whoever watches for her at dawn shall not be disappointed, for he shall find her sitting by his gate. For taking thought of wisdom is the perfection of prudence, and whoever for her sake keeps vigil shall quickly be free from care; because she makes her own rounds, seeking those worthy of her, and graciously appears to them in the ways, and meets them with all solicitude. —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8)

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*)

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

I will remember you upon my couch, and through the night-watches I will meditate on you: you are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy. (*R*)

(Long Form)

SECOND READING (*God, through Jesus, will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.*)

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

(4:13–18)

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console one another with these words. —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

(Short Form)

SECOND READING (*God, through Jesus, will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.*)

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

(4:13–14)

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Mt 24:42a, 44*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Stay awake and be ready! For you do not know on what day your Lord will come. (R)

GOSPEL (*Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (25:1-13)

Jesus told his disciples this parable: “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, ‘Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But

the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." —The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## Year B

FIRST READING (*The widow made a little cake from her flour and gave it to Elijah.*)

A reading from the first Book of Kings (17:10-16)

In those days, Elijah the prophet went to Zarephath. As he arrived at the entrance of the city, a widow was gathering sticks there; he called out to her, "Please bring me a small cupful of water to drink." She left to get it, and he called out after her, "Please bring along a bit of bread." She answered, "As the Lord, your God, lives, I have nothing baked; there is only a handful of flour in my jar and a little oil in my jug. Just now I was collecting a couple of sticks, to go in and to prepare something for myself and my son; when we have eaten it, we shall die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid. Go and do as you propose. But first make me a little cake and bring it to me. Then you can prepare something for yourself and your son. For the Lord, the God of Israel, says, 'The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, until the day when the Lord sends rain

upon the earth.”” The widow left and did as Elijah had said. She was able to eat for a year, and Elijah and her son as well; the jar of flour did not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, as the Lord had foretold through Elijah. —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(146:7, 8-9, 9-10)

R. Praise the Lord, my soul! (*Ps 146:1b*)

Or Alleluia.

The Lord keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets captives free. (*R*)

The Lord gives sight to the blind. The Lord raises up those who were bowed down; the Lord loves the just. The Lord protects strangers. (*R*)

The fatherless and the widow he sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts. The Lord shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, through all generations. Alleluia. (*R*)

SECOND READING (*Christ was offered once to take away the sins of many.*)

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

(9:24-28)

Christ did not enter into a sanctuary made by hands, a copy of the true one, but heaven itself, that he might now appear before God on our behalf. Not that he might offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters each year into the sanctuary with blood that is not his own; if that were so, he would have had to suffer repeatedly from the foundation of the world. But now once for all he has

appeared at the end of the ages to take away sin by his sacrifice. Just as it is appointed that human beings die once, and after this the judgment, so also Christ, offered once to take away the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to take away sin but to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him. —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Mt 5:3*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (*R*)

(Long Form)

GOSPEL (*This poor widow put in more than all the others.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (12:38-44)

In the course of his teaching Jesus said to the crowds, "Beware of the scribes, who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces, seats of honor in synagogues, and places of honor at banquets. They devour the houses of widows and, as a pretext recite lengthy prayers. They will receive a very severe condemnation."

Jesus sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood." —The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(Short Form)

GOSPEL (*This poor widow put in more than all the others.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (12:41-44)

Jesus sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood." —The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## Year C

FIRST READING (*The King of the world will raise us up to live again forever.*)

A reading from the second Book of Maccabees (7:1-2, 9-14)

It happened that seven brothers with their mother were arrested and tortured with whips and scourges by the king, to force them to eat pork in violation of God's law. One of the brothers, speaking for the others, said: "What do you expect to achieve by questioning us? We are ready to die rather than transgress the laws of our ancestors."

At the point of death the second brother said: "You accursed fiend, you are depriving us of this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up to live again forever. It is for his laws that we are dying."

After him the third brother suffered their cruel sport. He put out his tongue at once when told to do so, and

bravely held out his hands, as he spoke these noble words: "It was from Heaven that I received these; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again." Even the king and his attendants marveled at the young man's courage, because he regarded his sufferings as nothing.

After he had died, they tortured and maltreated the fourth brother in the same way. When he was near death, he said, "It is my choice to die at the hands of men with the hope God gives of being raised up by him; but for you, there will be no resurrection to life." —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (17:1, 5-6, 8, 15)

R. Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full. (*Ps 17:15b*)

Hear, O Lord, a just cause; attend to my outcry; listen to my prayer from lips without deceit. (*R*)

My steps had been steadfast in your paths, my feet have not faltered. I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me; hear my word. (*R*)

Keep me as the pupil of your eye, hide me in the shadow of your wings. But I in justice shall behold your face; on waking I shall be content in your presence. (*R*)



SECOND READING (*May the Lord encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word.*)

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

(2:16-3:5)

Brothers and sisters: May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word.

Finally, brothers and sisters, pray for us, so that the word of the Lord may speed forward and be glorified, as it did among you, and that we may be delivered from perverse and wicked people, for not all have faith. But the Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one. We are confident of you in the Lord that what we instruct you, you are doing and will continue to do. May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the endurance of Christ. —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Rev 1:5a, 6b*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; to him be glory and power, forever and ever. (R)

(Long Form)

GOSPEL (*He is not God of the dead, but of the living.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (20:27-38)

Some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, came forward and put this question to Jesus, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us, *If someone's brother dies leaving a wife but no child, his brother must take the wife and raise up descendants for his brother.* Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman but died childless. Then the second and the third married her, and likewise all the seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. Now at the resurrection whose wife will that woman be? For all seven had been married to her." Jesus said to them, "The children of this age marry and remarry; but those who are deemed worthy to attain to the coming age and to the resurrection of the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. They can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise. That the dead will rise even Moses made known in the passage about the bush, when Moses called the Lord, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; and he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive." —The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(Short Form)

GOSPEL (*He is not God of the dead, but of the living.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (20:27, 34-38)

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R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*(Jer 29:11, 12, 14)*

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.  
You will call upon me, and I will answer you,  
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

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

### COLLECT

Let us pray *(pause)*

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,  
the constant gladness of being devoted to you,  
for it is full and lasting happiness  
to serve with constancy  
the author of all that is 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. 72-81)*

*The Creed is said.*

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant, O Lord, we pray,  
that what we offer in the sight of your majesty  
may obtain for us the grace of being devoted to you  
and gain us the prize of everlasting happiness.

Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

PREFACE OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

(see pp. 145-150)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(Ps 73 (72):28)

To be near God is my happiness,  
to place my hope in God the Lord.

Or

(Mk 11:23-24)

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray (*pause*)

We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery,  
humbly imploring, O Lord,  
that what your Son commanded us to do  
in memory of him  
may bring us growth in charity.  
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

SOLEMN BLESSING IN ORDINARY TIME

(see pp. 151-155)

## READINGS

### Year A

FIRST READING (*She works with loving hands.*)

A reading from the Book of Proverbs (31:10–13, 19–20, 30–31)

When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize. She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life. She obtains wool and flax and works with loving hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her fingers ply the spindle. She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy. Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a reward for her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates. —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (128:1-2, 3, 4-5)

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord. (*Cf. Ps 128:1a*)

Blessed are you who fear the Lord, who walk in his ways!  
For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork; blessed shall you be, and favored. (*R*)

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home; your children like olive plants around your table. (*R*)

Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the Lord. The Lord bless you from Zion: may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life. (*R*)

SECOND READING (*Let the day of the Lord not overtake you like a thief.*)

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

(5:1-6)

Concerning times and seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need for anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night. When people are saying, "Peace and security," then sudden disaster comes upon them, like labor pains upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to overtake you like a thief. For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober. —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Jn 15:4a, 5b*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me bears much fruit. (R)

(Long Form)

GOSPEL (*Since you were faithful in small matters, come, share your master's joy.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (25:14-30)

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one—to each according to his ability. Then

he went away. Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money.

After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come and share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come and share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, 'Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.' His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this



useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.'" — The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(Short Form)

GOSPEL (*Since you were faithful in small matters, come, share your master's joy.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

(25:14-15, 19-21)

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one—to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come and share your master's joy.'" — The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## Year B

FIRST READING (*At that time your people will escape.*)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Daniel (12:1-3)

In those days, I, Daniel, heard this word of the Lord: "At that time there shall arise Michael, the great prince, guardian of your people; it shall be a time unsurpassed in distress since nations began until that time. At that time your people shall escape, everyone who is found written in the book.

Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace.

But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever." — The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

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

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord! (*Ps 16:1*)

O Lord, my allotted portion and my cup, you it is who hold fast my lot. 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 (*By one offering he has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated.*)

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (10:11-14, 18)

Brothers and sisters: Every priest stands daily at his ministry, offering frequently those same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But this one offered one sacrifice for sins, and took his seat forever at the right hand of God; now he waits until his enemies are made his footstool. For by one offering he has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated.

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer offering for sin.—The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Lk 21:36*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to stand before the Son of Man. (*R*)

GOSPEL (*He will gather his elect from the four winds.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (13:24-32)

Jesus said to his disciples: “In those days, after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

“And then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in the clouds’ with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky.

“Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer

is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates. Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.” — The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## Year C

FIRST READING (*The sun of justice will shine on you*)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Malachi (3:19-20a)

Lo, the day is coming, blazing like an oven, when all the proud and all evildoers will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire, leaving them neither root nor branch, says the Lord of hosts. But for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays. — The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (98:5-6, 7-8, 9)

R. The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice. (*Cf. Ps 98:9*)

Sing praise to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and melodious song. With trumpets and the sound of the horn sing joyfully before the King, the Lord. (*R*)

R. The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice. (*Cf. Ps 98:9*)

Let the sea and what fills it resound, the world and those who dwell in it; let the rivers clap their hands, the mountains shout with them for joy. (*R*)

Before the Lord, for he comes, for he comes to rule the earth; he will rule the world with justice and the peoples with equity. (*R*)

SECOND READING (*If anyone is unwilling to work, neither should he eat.*)

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians  
(3:7-12)

Brothers and sisters: You know how you must imitate us. For we did not act in a disorderly way among you, nor did we eat food received free from anyone. On the contrary, in toil and drudgery, night and day we worked, so as not to burden any one of you. Not that we do not have the right. Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us. In fact, when we were with you, we instructed you that if anyone was unwilling to work, neither should he eat. We hear that some are conducting themselves among you in a disorderly way, by not keeping busy but minding the business of others. Such people we instruct and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to work quietly and to eat their own food.—The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Lk 21:28*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Stand erect and raise you heads because your redemption is at hand. (*R*)

GOSPEL (*By your perseverance you will secure your lives.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (21:5-19)

While some people were speaking about how the temple was adorned with costly stones and votive offerings, Jesus said, "All that you see here—the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down."

Then they asked him, "Teacher, when will this happen? And what sign will there be when all these things are about to happen?" Jesus answered, "See that you not be deceived, for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and 'The time has come.' Do not follow them! When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place; and awesome sights and mighty signs will come from the sky.

"Before all this happens, however, they will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons, and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name. It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be

powerless to resist or refute. You will even be handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives.” —The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Last Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

Solemnity

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*(Rev 5:12; 1:6)*

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
to receive power and divinity,  
and wisdom and strength and honor.  
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

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

COLLECT

Let us pray *(pause)*

Almighty ever-living God,  
whose will is to restore all things  
in your beloved Son, the King of the universe,  
grant, we pray,  
that the whole creation, set free from slavery,  
may render your majesty service  
and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.  
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 *(pp. 85-92)*

*The Creed is said.*



PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice  
by which the human race is reconciled to you,  
we humbly pray  
that your Son himself may bestow on all nations  
the gifts of unity and peace.  
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

PREFACE

*(Christ, King of the Universe.)*

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 anointed your Only Begotten Son,  
our Lord Jesus Christ, with the oil of gladness  
as eternal Priest and King of all creation,  
so that, by offering himself on the altar of the Cross  
as a spotless sacrifice to bring us peace,  
he might accomplish the mysteries of human redemption  
and, making all created things subject to his rule,  
he might present to the immensity of your majesty  
an eternal and universal kingdom,  
a kingdom of truth and life,  
a kingdom of holiness and grace,  
a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

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:

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(Ps 29 (28):10-11)

The Lord sits as King for ever.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray (*pause*)

Having received the food of immortality,

we ask, O Lord,

that, glorying in obedience

to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe,

we may live with him eternally in his heavenly Kingdom.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

SOLEMN BLESSING IN ORDINARY TIME

(see pp. 151-155)

## READINGS

### Year A

FIRST READING (*As for you, my flock, I will judge between one sheep and another.*)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel (34:11-12, 15-17)

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep. I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark. I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord God. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy, shepherding them rightly.

As for you, my sheep, says the Lord God, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats.—The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (23:1-2, 2-3, 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. (*R*)

Beside restful waters he leads me, he refreshes my soul. He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. (*R*)

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

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 will hand over the kingdom to his God and Father so that God may be all in all.*)

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

(15:20-26, 28)

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all. — The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Mk 11:9, 10*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! (R)

GOSPEL (*The Son of Man will sit upon his glorious throne and he will separate them one from another.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (25:31-46)

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you

gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life." —The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## Year B

FIRST READING (*His dominion is an everlasting dominion.*)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Daniel (7:13-14)

As the visions during the night continued, I saw one like a Son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven; when he reached the Ancient One and was presented before him, the one like the Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship; all peoples, nations, and languages serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed. —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (93:1, 1-2, 5)

R. The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty. (*Ps 93:1a*)

The Lord is king, in splendor robed; robed is the Lord and girt about with strength. (*R*)

R. The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty. (*Ps 93:1a*)

And he has made the world firm, not to be moved. Your throne stands firm from of old; from everlasting you are, O Lord. (*R*)

Your decrees are worthy of trust indeed; holiness befits your house, O Lord, for length of days. (*R*)

SECOND READING (*The ruler of the kings of the earth has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father.*)

A reading from the Book of Revelation (1:5-8)

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen.

Behold, Jesus Christ is coming amid the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. All the peoples of the earth will lament him. Yes, Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty.” —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Mk 11:9, 10*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! (*R*)

GOSPEL (*You say I am a king.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (18:33b-37)

Pilate said to Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?" Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." —The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Year C

FIRST READING (*They anointed David king of Israel.*)

A reading from the second Book of Samuel (5:1-3)

In those days, all the tribes of Israel came to David in Hebron and said: "Here we are, your bone and your flesh. In days past, when Saul was our king, it was you who led the Israelites out and brought them back. And the Lord said to you, 'You shall shepherd my people Israel and shall be commander of Israel.'" When all the elders of Israel came to David in Hebron, King David made an agreement with them there before the Lord, and they anointed him king of Israel.—The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5)

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. (*Cf. Ps 122:1*)

I rejoiced because they said to me, "We will go up to the house of the Lord." And now we have set foot within your gates, O Jerusalem. (*R*)

Jerusalem, built as a city with compact unity. To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. (*R*)

According to the decree for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord. In it are set up judgment seats, seats for the house of David. (*R*)

SECOND READING (*He transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son.*)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians (1:12-20)

Brothers and sisters: Let us give thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light. He delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He 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 pre-eminent. 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 (*Mk 11:9, 10*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! (R)

GOSPEL (*Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (23:35-43)

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out, "If you are King of the Jews, save yourself." Above him there was an inscription that read, "This is the King of the Jews."

Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us." The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." — The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## MISSION SUNDAY

### A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*(Cf. Ps 67 (66):2-3)*

O God, be gracious and bless us,  
and let your face shed its light upon us, and have mercy.  
So will your ways be known upon earth  
and all nations learn your salvation.

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

COLLECT

Let us pray *(pause)*

O God, whose will it is that all should be saved  
and come to the knowledge of the truth,  
look upon your abundant harvest  
and be pleased to send workers to gather it,  
that the Gospel may be preached to all creation  
and that your people, gathered by the word of life  
and sustained by the power of the Sacraments,  
may advance in the path of salvation and 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.

Or

Let us pray (*pause*)

O God, who sent your Son into the world as the true light,  
pour out, we pray, the Spirit he promised  
to sow seeds of truth constantly in people's hearts  
and to awaken in them obedience to the faith,  
so that, being born to new life through Baptism,  
all may become part of your one people.  
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. 98-105*)

*The Creed is said.*

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look, O Lord, upon the face of your Christ,  
who handed himself over as a ransom for all,  
so that through him,  
from the rising of the sun to its setting,  
your name may be exalted among the nations  
and in every place a single offering  
may be presented to your majesty.  
Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

PREFACE OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

(*see pp. 145-150*)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(Cf. Mt 28:20)

Teach all nations to keep whatever I have commanded you,  
says the Lord.

And behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the  
age.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray (*pause*)

Nourished by these redeeming gifts,  
we pray, O Lord,  
that through this help to eternal salvation  
true faith may ever increase.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

SOLEMN BLESSING IN ORDINARY TIME

(see pp. 151-155)

**B**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(Ps 96 (95):3-4)

Tell among the nations his glory,  
and his wonders among all the peoples,  
for the Lord is great and highly to be praised.

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

COLLECT

Let us pray (*pause*)

O God, you have willed that your Church  
be the sacrament of salvation for all nations,  
so that Christ's saving work may continue to the end of the  
ages;

stir up, we pray, the hearts of your faithful  
and grant that they may feel a more urgent call  
to work for the salvation of every creature,  
so that from all the peoples on earth  
one family and one people of your own  
may arise and increase.

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. 98-105*)

*The Creed is said.*

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May the offerings and prayers of your Church, O Lord,  
rise up in the sight of your majesty and gain acceptance,  
just as the glorious Passion of your Son was pleasing to you  
for the salvation of the whole world.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

PREFACE OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

*(see pp. 145-150)*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*(Ps 117 (116):1-2)*

O praise the Lord, all you nations;  
acclaim him, all you peoples!  
For his merciful love has prevailed over us,  
and the Lord's faithfulness endures for ever.

Or

*(Mk 16:15)*

Go into all the world, and proclaim the Gospel, says the  
Lord.

I am with you always.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray *(pause)*

May our participation at your table sanctify us,  
O Lord, we pray,  
and grant that through the Sacrament of your Church  
all nations may receive in rejoicing  
the salvation accomplished on the Cross  
by your Only Begotten Son.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

SOLEMN BLESSING IN ORDINARY TIME

*(see pp. 151-155)*

## READINGS

### Year A

FIRST READING (*All nations shall stream toward the mountain of the Lord.*)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (2:1-5)

This is what Isaiah, son of Amoz, saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come, the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest mountain and raised above the hills. All nations shall stream toward it; many peoples shall come and say: "Come, let us climb the Lord's mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths." For from Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and impose terms on many peoples. They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord! — The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6)

R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God. (*Ps 98:3c*)

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds; his right hand has won victory for him, his holy arm.

(R)



R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God. (*Ps 98:3c*)

The Lord has made his salvation known: in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice. He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel. (R)

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God. Sing joyfully to the Lord, all you lands; break into song; sing praise. (R)

Sing praise to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and melodious song. With trumpets and the sound of the horn sing joyfully before the King, the Lord. (R)

SECOND READING (*How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!*)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans (10:9-18)

Brothers and sisters: If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The Scripture says, *No one who believes in him will be put to shame.* There is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, enriching all who call upon him. *For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*

But how can they call on the Lord in whom they have not believed? And how can they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone to preach? And how can people preach unless they are sent? As it is written, *How beautiful are*

*the feet of those who bring good news!* But not everyone has heeded the good news, for Isaiah says, *Lord, who has believed what was heard from us?* Thus faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ. But I ask, did they not hear? Certainly they did; for *Their voice has gone forth to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.* — The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Mt 28:19*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Go and make disciples of all nations. (*R*)

GOSPEL (*Go, and make disciples of all nations.*)

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

The eleven disciples of Jesus went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but some 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 B

FIRST READING *(Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.)*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Zechariah (8:20-23)

Thus says the Lord of hosts: There shall yet come peoples, the inhabitants of many cities; and the inhabitants of one city shall approach those of another, and say, "Come! let us go to implore the favor of the Lord"; and, "I too will go to seek the Lord." Many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem and to implore the favor of the Lord. Thus says the Lord of hosts: In those days ten men of every nationality, speaking different tongues, shall take hold, yes, take hold of every Jew by the edge of his garment and say,

"Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you." —The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 9-10a)

R. Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations. (*Ps*  
96:3)

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all you lands.  
Sing to the Lord; bless his name. (*R*)

Announce his salvation, day after day. Tell his glory among  
the nations; among all peoples, his wondrous deeds. (*R*)

Give to the Lord, you families of nations, give to the Lord  
glory and praise; give to the Lord the glory due his name! (*R*)

Worship the Lord in holy attire. Tremble before him, all the  
earth; say among the nations: The Lord is king. (*R*)

SECOND READING *(There is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all.)*

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy (2:1-8)

Beloved: First of all, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity. This is good and pleasing to God our savior, who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth. For there is one God. There is also one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all. This was the testimony at the proper time. For this I was appointed preacher and apostle — I am speaking the truth, I am not lying — teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

It is my wish, then, that in every place the men should pray, lifting up holy hands, without anger or argument.—The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Mk 16:15)*

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Go into the whole world, says the Lord, and proclaim the Gospel to every creature. (R)

GOSPEL *(Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature.)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (16:15-20)

Jesus appeared to the Eleven and said to them, “Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved;

whoever does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents with their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

Then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.—The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## Year C

FIRST READING (*Upon you the Lord shines, and over you appears his glory.*)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (60:1-6)

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the Lord shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.

Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall

come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the Lord.—The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (19:2-3, 4-5)

R. The heavens declare the glory of God. (*Ps 19:2*)

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 (*"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God.*)

A reading from the Book of Revelation (1:3-8)

Blessed is the one who reads aloud and blessed are those who listen to this prophetic message and heed what is written in it, for the appointed time is near.

John, to the seven churches in Asia: grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father. To him be glory and power. Amen.

Behold, Jesus Christ is coming amid the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. All the peoples of the earth will lament him. Yes, Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty.” —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 (*As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (17:11b, 17-23)

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed, saying: “Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one.

“Consecrate them in truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth.

“I pray not only for these, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me.” —The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

1 November

**ALL SAINTS**

Solemnity

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let us all rejoice in the Lord,  
as we celebrate the feast day in honor of all the Saints,  
at whose festival the Angels rejoice  
and praise the Son of God.

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

COLLECT

Let us pray (*pause*)  
Almighty ever-living God,  
by whose gift we venerate in one celebration  
the merits of all the Saints,  
bestow on us, we pray,  
through the prayers of so many intercessors,  
an abundance of the reconciliation with you  
for which we earnestly long.  
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. 109-112*)

*The Creed is said.*



PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May these offerings we bring in honor of all the Saints  
be pleasing to you, O Lord,  
and grant that, just as we believe the Saints  
to be already assured of immortality,  
so we may experience their concern for our salvation.  
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

PREFACE

*(The glory of Jerusalem, our mother.)*

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 today by your gift we celebrate the festival of your city,  
the heavenly Jerusalem, our mother,  
where the great array of our brothers and sisters  
already gives you eternal praise.

Towards her, we eagerly hasten, as pilgrims advancing by  
faith,  
rejoicing in the glory bestowed upon those exalted  
members of the Church  
through whom you give us, in our frailty, both strength  
and good example.

And so, we glorify you with the multitude of Saints and  
Angels,  
as with one voice of praise we acclaim:

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(Mt 5:8-10)

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they shall be called children of God.  
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of  
righteousness,  
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray (*pause*)

As we adore you, O God, who alone are holy  
and wonderful in all your Saints,  
we implore your grace,  
so that, coming to perfect holiness in the fullness of your  
love,  
we may pass from this pilgrim table  
to the banquet of our heavenly homeland.  
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 God, the glory and joy of the Saints,  
who has caused you to be strengthened  
by means of their outstanding prayers,  
bless you with unending blessings.

R. Amen.

Freed through their intercession from present ills  
and formed by the example of their holy way of life,  
may you be ever devoted  
to serving God and your neighbor.

R. Amen.

So that, together with all,  
you may possess the joys of the homeland,  
where Holy Church rejoices  
that her children are admitted in perpetual peace  
to the company of 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.

## READINGS

FIRST READING (*I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could  
count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue.*)

A reading from the Book of Revelation (7:2-4, 9-14)

I, John, saw another angel come up from the East, holding the seal of the living God. He cried out in a loud voice to the four angels who were given power to damage the land and the sea, "Do not damage the land or the sea or the trees until we put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God." I heard the number of those who had been marked with the seal, one hundred and forty-four thousand marked from every tribe of the children of Israel.

After this I 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." — The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6)

R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face. (Cf.

*Ps 24:6*)

The Lord's are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it. For he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers. (R)

R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face. (*Cf. Ps 24:6*)

Who can ascend the mountain of the Lord? or who may stand in his holy place? One whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean, who desires not what is vain. (*R*)

He shall receive a blessing from the Lord, a reward from God his savior. Such is the race that seeks him, that seeks the face of the God of Jacob. (*R*)

SECOND READING (*We shall see God as he is.*)

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John (3:1-3)

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure, as he is pure.—The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Mt 11:28*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. (*R*)

GOSPEL (*Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.*)

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.

2 November

**THE COMMEMORATION  
OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

(All Souls' Day)

The Masses that follow may be used at the discretion of the celebrant. \*

Even when November 2 falls on a Sunday, the Mass celebrated is that of the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed.

**1**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (Cf. 1 Thes 4:14; 1 Cor 15:22)

Just as Jesus died and has risen again,  
so through Jesus God will bring with him  
those who have fallen asleep;  
and as in Adam all die,  
so also in Christ will all be brought to life.

*When this day falls on a Sunday, The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.*

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\* On this day, any Priest may celebrate three Masses, observing, nevertheless, what was established by Benedict XV in the Apostolic Constitution, *Incruentum altaris sacrificium*, 10 August 1915: *Acta Apostolicae Sedis* 7 (1915) pp. 401-404.

COLLECT

Let us pray (*pause*)

Listen kindly to our prayers, O Lord,  
and, as our faith in your Son,  
raised from the dead, is deepened,  
so may our hope of resurrection for your departed servants  
also find new strength.

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. 126-134*)

*When this day falls on a Sunday, the Creed is said.*

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look favorably on our offerings, O Lord,  
so that your departed servants  
may be taken up into glory with your Son,  
in whose great mystery of love we are all united.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R. Amen.



PREFACE I FOR THE DEAD

*(The hope of resurrection in 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,  
through Christ our Lord.

In him the hope of blessed resurrection has dawned,  
that those saddened by the certainty of dying  
might be consoled by the promise of immortality to come.  
Indeed for your faithful, Lord,  
life is changed not ended,  
and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust,  
an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven.

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 FOR THE DEAD

*(Christ died so that we might live)*

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 as one alone he accepted death,  
so that we might all escape from dying;  
as one man he chose to die,  
so that in your sight we all might live for ever.

And so, in company with the choirs of Angels,  
we praise you, and with joy we proclaim:

PREFACE III FOR THE DEAD

*(Christ, the salvation and the life)*

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 he is the salvation of the world,  
the life of the human race,  
the resurrection of the dead.

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 FOR THE DEAD

*(From earthly life to heavenly glory)*

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 it is at your summons that we come to birth,  
by your will that we are governed,  
and at your command that we return,  
on account of sin,  
to that earth from which we came.

And when you give the sign,  
we who have been redeemed by the Death of your Son,  
shall be raised up to the glory of his Resurrection.

And so, with the company of Angels and Saints,  
we sing the hymn of your praise,  
as without end we acclaim:

PREFACE V FOR THE DEAD

*(Our resurrection through the victory 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 even though by our own fault we perish,  
yet by your compassion and your grace,  
when seized by death according to our sins,  
we are redeemed through Christ's great victory,  
and with him called back into life.

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*(Cf. Jn 11:25-26)*

I am the Resurrection and the Life, says the Lord.  
Whoever believes in me, even though he dies, will live,  
and everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for  
ever.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray *(pause)*

Grant we pray, O Lord, that your departed servants,  
for whom we have celebrated this paschal Sacrament,  
may pass over to a dwelling place of light and peace.

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 the God of all consolation bless you,  
for in his unfathomable goodness he created the human  
race,

and in the Resurrection of his Only Begotten Son  
he has given believers the hope of rising again.

R. Amen.

To us who are alive, may God grant pardon for our sins,  
and to all the dead, a place of light and peace.

R. Amen.

So may we all live happily for ever with Christ,  
whom we believe truly rose from the dead.

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.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(Cf. 4 Esdr 2:34-35)

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

*When this day falls on a Sunday, The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.*

COLLECT

Let us pray (*pause*)

O God, glory of the faithful and life of the just,  
by the Death and Resurrection of whose Son  
we have been redeemed,  
look mercifully on your departed servants,  
that, just as they professed the mystery of our resurrection,  
so they may merit to receive the joys of eternal happiness.  
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. 126-134*)

*When this day falls on a Sunday, the Creed is said.*

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Almighty and merciful God,  
by means of these sacrificial offerings  
wash away, we pray, in the Blood of Christ,  
the sins of your departed servants,  
for you purify unceasingly by your merciful forgiveness  
those you once cleansed in the waters of Baptism.  
Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

PREFACES FOR THE DEAD (*see pp. 115-118*)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(*Cf. 4 Esdr 2:35, 34*)

Let perpetual light shine upon them, O Lord,  
with your Saints for ever, for you are merciful.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray (*pause*)  
Having received the Sacrament of your Only Begotten Son,  
who was sacrificed for us and rose in glory,  
we humbly implore you, O Lord,  
for your departed servants,  
that, cleansed by the paschal mysteries,  
they may glory in the gift of the resurrection to come.  
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 the God of all consolation bless you,  
for in his unfathomable goodness he created the human  
race,

and in the Resurrection of his Only Begotten Son  
he has given believers the hope of rising again.

R. Amen.

To us who are alive, may God grant pardon for our sins,  
and to all the dead, a place of light and peace.

R. Amen.

So may we all live happily for ever with Christ,  
whom we believe truly rose from the dead.

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.



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(Cf. Rom 8:11)

God, who raised Jesus from the dead,  
will give life also to your mortal bodies,  
through his Spirit that dwells in you.

*When this day falls on a Sunday, The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.*

COLLECT

Let us pray (*pause*)

O God, who willed that your Only Begotten Son,  
having conquered death,  
should pass over into the realm of heaven,  
grant, we pray, to your departed servants  
that, with the mortality of this life overcome,  
they may gaze eternally on you,  
their Creator and Redeemer.

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. 126-134*)

*When this day falls on a Sunday, the Creed is said.*

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive, Lord, in your kindness,  
the sacrificial offering we make  
for all your servants who sleep in Christ,  
that, set free from the bonds of death  
by this singular sacrifice,  
they may merit eternal life.  
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

PREFACES FOR THE DEAD (*see pp. 115-118*)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(*Cf. Phil 3:20-21*)

We await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,  
who will change our mortal bodies,  
to conform with his glorified body.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray (*pause*)  
Through these sacrificial gifts  
which we have received, O Lord,  
bestow on your departed servants your great mercy  
and, to those you have endowed with the grace of Baptism,  
grant also the fullness of eternal joy.  
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 the God of all consolation bless you,  
for in his unfathomable goodness he created the human  
race,

and in the Resurrection of his Only Begotten Son  
he has given believers the hope of rising again.

R. Amen.

To us who are alive, may God grant pardon for our sins,  
and to all the dead, a place of light and peace.

R. Amen.

So may we all live happily for ever with Christ,  
whom we believe truly rose from the dead.

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

### 1

FIRST READING (*As sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.*)

A reading from the Book of Wisdom (3:1-9)

The souls of the just are in the hands of God, and no torment shall touch them. They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead; and their passing away was thought an affliction and their going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace. For if in the sight of others, indeed they be punished, yet is their hope full of immortality; chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, because God tried them and found them worthy of himself. As gold in the furnace, he proved them, and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself. In the time of their visitation they shall shine, and shall dart about as sparks through stubble; they shall judge nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord shall be their King forever. Those who trust in him shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with him in love: Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones, and his care is with his elect. — The Word of the Lord.  
R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (23:1-3a, 3b-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 (*Let us live in newness of life.*)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans (6:3-9)

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.

For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection. We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin. For a dead person has been absolved from sin. 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. — The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Mt 25:34*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Come, you who are blessed by my Father, says the Lord; inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. (R)

GOSPEL (*Come, you are blessed by my Father.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (25:31-46)

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you

gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life." —The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## 2

FIRST READING (*An unsullied life, the attainment of old age.*)

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

(4:7-15)

The just man, though he die early, shall be at rest. For the age that is honorable comes not with the passing of time, nor can it be measured in terms of years. Rather, understanding is the hoary crown for men, and an unsullied life, the attainment of old age. He who pleased God was loved; he who lived among sinners was transported—snatched away, lest wickedness pervert his mind or deceit beguile his soul; for the witchery of paltry things obscures what is right and the whirl of desire transforms the innocent mind. Having become perfect in a short while, he reached the fullness of a long career; for his soul was pleasing to the Lord, therefore he sped him out of the midst of wickedness. But the people saw and did not understand, nor did they take this into account.— The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (25:6, 7b, 17-18, 20-21)

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul. (*Ps 25:1*)

Remember that your compassion, O Lord, and your kindness are from of old. In your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. (*R*)

Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress. Put an end to my affliction and my suffering; and take away all my sins. (*R*)

Preserve my life and rescue me; let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you. Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, because I wait for you, O Lord. (*R*)

SECOND READING (*Death is swallowed up in victory.*)

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

(15:51-57)

Brothers and sisters: Behold, I tell you a mystery. We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed, in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For that which is corruptible must clothe itself with incorruptibility, and that which is mortal must clothe itself with immortality. And when this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility, and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about:

*Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?*



The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.—The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Jn 11:25a, 26*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die. (*R*)

GOSPEL (*I am the resurrection and the life.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (11:17-27)

When Jesus arrived in Bethany, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."—The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

3

FIRST READING (*The Lord will destroy death forever.*)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (25:6-9)

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines. On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever. The Lord God will wipe away the tears from every face; the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the Lord has spoken. On that day it will be said: "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the Lord for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!" — The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (27:1, 4, 7, 8b, 9a, 13-14)

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation. (*Ps 27:1a*)

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear? The Lord is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid? (*R*)

One thing I ask of the Lord; this I seek: To dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, that I may gaze on the loveliness of the Lord and contemplate his temple. (*R*)

Hear, O Lord, the sound of my call; have pity on me and answer me. Your presence, O Lord, I seek. Hide not your face from me. (*R*)

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation. (*Ps 27:1a*)

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord with courage; be stouthearted and wait for the Lord! (*R*)

SECOND READING (*We shall always be with the Lord.*)

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

(4:13-18)

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console one another with these words. —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 (*In my Father's house there are many dwelling places.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (14:1-6)

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to Jesus, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." —The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

9 November

## THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

Feast

In the basilica itself, the Mass of the Common of the Dedication of a Church is used

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(Cf. *Rev* 21:2)

I saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem,  
coming down out of heaven from God,  
prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.

Or

(Cf. *Rev* 21:3)

Behold God's dwelling with the human race.  
He will dwell with them and they will be his people,  
and God himself with them will be their God.

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

COLLECT

Let us pray (*pause*)

O God, who from living and chosen stones  
prepare an eternal dwelling for your majesty,  
increase in your Church the spirit of grace you have  
bestowed,

so that by new growth your faithful people  
may build up the heavenly Jerusalem.

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.

Or

Let us pray (*pause*)

O God, who were pleased to call your Church the Bride,  
grant that the people that serves your name  
may revere you, love you and follow you,  
and may be led by you  
to attain your promises in heaven.  
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. 139-141*)

*When this Feast falls on a Sunday, the Creed is said.*

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, we pray, O Lord, the offering made here  
and grant that by it those who seek your favor  
may receive in this place  
the power of the Sacraments  
and the answer to their prayers.  
Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

PREFACE

*(The mystery of the Church, the Bride of Christ and the Temple of the Spirit.)*

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 your benevolence you are pleased  
to dwell in this house of prayer  
in order to perfect us as the temple of the Holy Spirit,  
supported by the perpetual help of your grace  
and resplendent with the glory of a life acceptable to you.

Year by year you sanctify the Church, the Bride of Christ,  
foreshadowed in visible buildings,  
so that, rejoicing as the mother of countless children,  
she may be given her place in your heavenly glory.

And so, with all the Angels and Saints,  
we praise you, as without end we acclaim:

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(Cf. 1 Pt 2:5)

Be built up like living stones,  
into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray (*pause*)

O God, who chose to foreshadow for us  
the heavenly Jerusalem  
through the sign of your Church on earth,  
grant, we pray,  
that, by our partaking of this Sacrament,  
we may be made the temple of your grace  
and may enter the dwelling place of your glory.  
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 God, the Lord of heaven and earth,  
who has gathered you today for the dedication of this  
church,

make you abound in heavenly blessings.

R. Amen.

And may he, who has willed that all his scattered  
children

should be gathered together in his Son,  
grant that you may become his temple  
and the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

And so, when you are thoroughly cleansed,  
may God dwell within you

and grant you to possess with all the Saints  
the inheritance of eternal happiness.

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 (*I saw water flowing from the temple, and all who were touched by it were saved.*)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel (47:1-2, 8-9, 12)

The angel brought me, Ezekiel, back to the entrance of the temple of the Lord, and I saw water flowing out from beneath the threshold of the temple toward the east, for the façade of the temple was toward the east; the water flowed down from the right side of the temple, south of the altar. He led me outside by the north gate, and around to the outer gate facing the east, where I saw water trickling from the right side. He said to me, "This water flows into the eastern district down upon the Arabah, and empties into the sea, the salt waters, which it makes fresh. Wherever the river flows, every sort of living creature that can multiply shall live, and there shall be abundant fish, for wherever this water comes the sea shall be made fresh. Along both banks of the river, fruit trees of every kind shall grow; their leaves shall not fade, nor their fruit fail. Every month they shall bear fresh fruit, for they shall be watered by the flow from the sanctuary. Their fruit shall serve for food, and their leaves for medicine." — The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9)

R. The Lord of hosts is with us; our stronghold is the  
God of Jacob. (*Ps 46:8*)

God is our refuge and our strength, an ever-present help in  
distress. Therefore we fear not, though the earth be shaken  
and mountains plunge into the depths of the sea. (*R*)

There is a stream whose runlets gladden the city of God,  
the holy dwelling of the Most High. God is in its midst;  
it shall not be disturbed; God will help it at the break of  
dawn. (*R*)

The Lord of hosts is with us; our stronghold is the God of  
Jacob. Come! Behold the deeds of the Lord, the astounding  
things he has wrought on earth. (*R*)

SECOND READING (*You are God's temple.*)

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

(3:9c-11, 16-17)

Brothers and sisters: You are God's building.  
According to the grace of God given to me, like a wise  
master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building  
upon it. But each one must be careful how he builds upon  
it, for no one can lay a foundation other than the one that is  
there, namely, Jesus Christ.

Do you not know that you are the temple of God,  
and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone destroys  
God's temple, God will destroy that person; for the temple  
of God, which you are, is holy.—The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*2 Chr 7:16*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I have chosen and consecrated this house, says the Lord, that my name may be there forever. (*R*)

GOSPEL (*Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (2:13-22)

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, *Zeal for your house will consume me*. At this the Jews answered and said to Jesus, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But Jesus was speaking about the temple of his body. Therefore, when Jesus was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken.—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.

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