

SUNDAY ON LUNAR NEW YEAR (2023)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice; let the creation resound and exult. (*Cf. Ps 96(95):11-12*)

Gloria

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in 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. Amen.

FIRST READING *(The Lord will give the seasonal rain to your land.)*

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy *(11:7-9,11-15)*

The Lord said to his people: ‘It was you who saw with your own eyes all these great deeds that the Lord has done. So keep all the commandments I give you today, that you may be strong enough to enter in and take possession of the land that you are crossing over to possess, and that you may have long life on the land which the Lord swore to your ancestors he would give to them and their descendants, a land flowing with milk and honey. The land into which you are crossing to take possession is a land of mountains and valleys that drinks in rain from the heavens, a land which the Lord, your God, looks after; the eyes of the Lord, your God, are upon it continually through the year, from beginning to end. If, then, you truly listen to my commandments which I give you today, loving and serving the Lord, your God, with your whole heart and your whole being, I will give the seasonal rain to your land, the early rain and the late rain, that you may have your grain, wine and oil to gather in; and I will bring forth grass in your fields for your animals. Thus you may eat and be satisfied’.

—The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 85(84):9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14)

R. The Lord speaks of peace to his people. *(Ps 85:9b)*

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

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

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Mt 5:9)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. **(R)**

GOSPEL (*Proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (4:14-21)

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all.

He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord. Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, “Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.”

—The Gospel of the Lord.

As an alternative: the Gospel of Year A, The Third Sunday in the Ordinary Time

GOSPEL (*Jesus went to Capernaum, so that what had been said through Isaiah might be fulfilled.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (4:12-17)

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled: *Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen.* From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

—The Gospel of the Lord.

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PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray, and in sanctifying them, grant that they may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. (*Jn 14:27*)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, receiving the grace by which you bring us to new life, we may always glory in your gift. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.