

September 5
Saint Teresa of Calcutta, Virgin
Optional Memorial

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Here is a wise virgin, from among the number of the prudent, who went forth with lighted lamp to meet Christ.

Or

How beautiful you are, O virgin of Christ, who were worthy to receive the Lord's crown, the crown of perpetual virginity.

COLLECT

O God, who called the Virgin Saint Teresa to respond to the love of your Son thirsting on the Cross with outstanding charity to the poorest of the poor, grant us, we beseech you, by her intercession, to minister to Christ in our suffering brothers and sisters. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Mass Readings of the day, or the following readings may be used:

FIRST READING (*Share your bread with the hungry.*)

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah

58:6-11

Thus says the LORD: This is the fasting that I wish: releasing those bound unjustly, untying the thongs of the yoke; Setting free the oppressed, breaking every yoke; Sharing your bread with the hungry, sheltering the oppressed and the homeless; Clothing the naked when you see them, and not turning your back on your own.

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your wound shall quickly be healed; Your vindication shall go before you, and the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer, you shall cry for help, and he will say: Here I am!

If you remove from your midst oppression, false accusation and malicious speech; If you bestow your bread on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted; Then light shall rise for you in darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday;

Then the LORD will guide you always and give you plenty even on the parched land. He will renew your strength, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring whose water never fails.—The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 34(33):2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11

R. I will bless the Lord at all times. (Ps 34(33):2)

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 and be glad. **(R)**

Glorify the LORD with me, let us together extol his name. I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. **(R)**

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy, and your faces may not blush with shame. When the poor one called out, the LORD heard, and from all his distress he saved him. **(R)**

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. Taste and see how good the LORD is; blessed the man who takes refuge in him. **(R)**

Fear the Lord, you his holy ones, for nought is lacking to those who fear him. The great grow poor and hungry; but those who seek the LORD want for no good thing. **(R)**

ALLELULA

(See Mt 11:25)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

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(Long Form)

GOSPEL (Whatever you did for the least of my brothers, you did for me.)

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.

(Short Form)

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PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

As we proclaim your wonders, O Lord, in the Virgin Blessed St. Teresa of Calcutta, we humble implore your majesty that, as her merits are pleasing to you, so, too, our dutiful service may find favor in your sight . Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PREFACE OF VIRGINS AND RELIGIOUS

(The sign of a life consecrated to 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.

For in the Saints who consecrated themselves to Christ for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven, it is right to celebrate the wonders of your providence, by which you call human nature back to its original holiness and bring it to experience on this earth the gifts you promise in the new world to come.

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

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, the bridegroom is coming; come out to meet Christ the Lord. (Cf Mt 25:6)

Or

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. (Cf. Ps 27:6)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Renewed by partaking of this divine gift, we pray, O Lord our God, that by the example of the blessed St. Teresa of Calcutta, bearing in our body the Death of Jesus, we may strive to hold fast to you alone. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Cum Approbatione Ecclesiastica