

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

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

**COLLECT**

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.  
*Amen.*

**FIRST READING** Apocalypse 7:2-4. 9-14

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse.

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, "Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God." Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, "Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words: "Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen."

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, "Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?" I answered him, "You can tell me, my lord." Then he said, "These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb."

The word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

**PSALM** Psalm 23

**RESPONSE:** *Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.*

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,  
the world and all its peoples.  
It is he who set it on the seas;  
on the waters he made it firm. **R.**
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?  
Who shall stand in his holy place?  
The man with clean hands and pure heart,  
who desires not worthless things. **R.**
3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord  
and reward from the God who saves him.  
Such are the men who seek him,  
seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R.**

**SECOND READING** 1 John 3:1-3

A reading from the first letter of St John.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,  
by letting us be called God's children;  
and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him,  
therefore it does not acknowledge us.  
My dear people, we are already the children of God  
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;  
all we know is, that when it is revealed  
we shall be like him  
because we shall see him as he really is.  
Surely everyone who entertains this hope  
must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

The word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened,  
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.  
Alleluia!*

**GOSPEL** Matthew 5:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

"How happy are the poor in spirit;  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Happy the gentle:  
they shall have the earth for their heritage.  
Happy those who mourn:  
they shall be comforted.  
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:  
they shall be satisfied.  
Happy the merciful:  
they shall have mercy shown them.  
Happy the pure in heart:  
they shall see God.  
Happy the peacemakers:  
they shall be called sons of God.  
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

May these offerings we bring in honour 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.  
*Amen.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

*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**

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.  
*Amen.*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

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

**COLLECT**

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.  
**Amen.**

**FIRST READING** Wisdom 6:12-16

A reading from the book of Wisdom.  
Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.  
By those who love her she is readily seen,  
and found by those who look for her.  
Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself  
known to them.  
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;  
you will find her sitting at your gates.  
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;  
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.  
She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her  
and graciously shows herself to them as they go,  
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** Psalm 62

**RESPONSE: For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.**

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your glory.  
For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise. **R.**
3. So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**
4. On my bed I remember you.  
On you I muse through the night  
for you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **R.**

**SECOND READING** 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.  
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> We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. <  
We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage

over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
Stay awake and stand ready,  
because you do not know the hour  
when the Son of Man is coming.  
Alleluia!*

**GOSPEL** Matthew 25:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.  
Jesus told this parable to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, 'The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him.' At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, 'Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out.' But they replied, 'There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves.' They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. 'Lord, Lord,' they said 'open the door for us.' But he replied, 'I tell you solemnly, I do not know you.' So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Look with favour, we pray, O Lord,  
upon the sacrificial gifts offered here,  
that, celebrating in mystery the Passion of your Son,  
we may honour it with loving devotion.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

*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

*The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of  
bread.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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.  
**Amen.**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

*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.*

**COLLECT**

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. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING** Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

A perfect wife – who can find her?  
She is far beyond the price of pearls.  
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,  
from her he will derive no little profit.  
Advantage and not hurt she brings him  
all the days of her life.  
She is always busy with wool and with flax,  
she does her work with eager hands.  
She sets her hands to the distaff,  
her fingers grasp the spindle.  
She holds out her hand to the poor,  
she opens her arms to the needy.  
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;  
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.  
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,  
and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** Psalm 127

**RESPONSE: O blessed are those who fear the Lord.**

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper. **R.**
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine  
in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table. **R.**
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed  
the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion  
in a happy Jerusalem  
all the days of your life. **R.**

**SECOND READING** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers,  
about "times and seasons", since you know well that the Day of  
the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people  
are saying, "How quiet and peaceful it is" that the worst suddenly  
happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant  
woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day  
to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons  
of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we  
should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide  
awake and sober.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
Even if you have to die, says the Lord,*

*keep faithful, and I will give you  
the crown of life.  
Alleluia!*

Or

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you,  
says the Lord.  
Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.  
Alleluia!*

**GOSPEL** Matthew 25:14-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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>Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: "The kingdom of  
heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his  
servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave  
five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to  
his ability. Then he set out.< The man who had received the five  
talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more.  
The man who had received two made two more in the same way.  
But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in  
the ground and hid his master's money. >Now a long time after,  
the master of those servants came back and went through his  
accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents  
came forward bringing five more. 'Sir,' he said, 'you entrusted me  
with five talents; here are five more that I have made.' His master  
said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown  
you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater;  
come and join in your master's happiness.'< Next the man with  
two talents came forward. 'Sir,' he said, 'you entrusted me with  
two talents; here are two more that I have made.' His master said  
to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you  
can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come  
and join in your master's happiness.' Last came forward the man  
who had the one talent. 'Sir,' said he, 'I had heard you were a hard  
man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you  
have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your  
talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back.' But  
his master answered him, 'You wicked and lazy servant! So you  
knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have  
not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money  
with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my  
capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it  
to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will  
be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the  
man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for  
this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where  
there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**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. **Amen.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

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

Or

*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**

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. **Amen.**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

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

**COLLECT**

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.

*Amen.*

**FIRST READING** Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**PSALM** Psalm 22

**RESPONSE:** *The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.*

1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose. **R.**
2. Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.  
He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name. **R.**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **R.**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. **R.**

**SECOND READING** 1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority

and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!*

*Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!*

*Alleluia!*

**GOSPEL** Matthew 25:31-46

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, 'Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me.' Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?' And the King will answer, 'I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me.' Next he will say to those on his left hand, 'Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me.' Then it will be their turn to ask, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?' Then he will answer, 'I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me.' And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

**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.

*Amen.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

*The Lord sits as King for ever.*

*The Lord will bless his people with peace.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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.

*Amen.*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

*To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.  
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.  
Nor let my enemies exult over me;  
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.*

**COLLECT**

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,  
the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ  
with righteous deeds at his coming,  
so that, gathered at his right hand,  
they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.  
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** Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,  
Our Redeemer is your ancient name.  
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways  
and harden our hearts against fearing you?  
Return, for the sake of your servants,  
the tribes of your inheritance.  
Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down  
– at your Presence the mountains would melt.  
No ear has heard,  
no eye has seen  
any god but you act like this  
for those who trust him.  
You guide those who act with integrity  
and keep your ways in mind.  
You were angry when we were sinners;  
we had long been rebels against you.  
We were all like men unclean,  
all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.  
We have all withered like leaves  
and our sins blew us away like the wind.  
No one invoked your name  
or roused himself to catch hold of you.  
For you hid your face from us  
and gave us up to the power of our sins.  
And yet, Lord, you are our Father;  
we the clay, you the potter,  
we are all the work of your hand.

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**PSALM** Psalm 79

**RESPONSE:** *God of hosts, bring us back;  
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.*

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us,  
shine forth from your cherubim throne.  
O Lord, rouse up your might,  
O Lord, come to our help. **R.**
2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**

3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen,  
the man you have given your strength.  
And we shall never forsake you again:  
give us life that we may call upon your name. **R.**

**SECOND READING** 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy  
and give us your saving help.  
Alleluia!*

**GOSPEL** Mark 13:33-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make,  
gathered from among your gifts to us,  
and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below,  
gain for us the prize of eternal redemption.  
Through Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

*The Lord will bestow his bounty,  
and our earth shall yield its increase.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

May these mysteries, O Lord,  
in which we have participated,  
profit us, we pray,  
for even now, as we walk amid passing things,  
you teach us by them to love the things of heaven  
and hold fast to what endures.  
Through Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*