

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!*

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
who govern all things,
both in heaven and on earth,
mercifully hear the pleading of your people
and bestow your peace on our times.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING Isaiah 49:3. 5-6

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'
And now the LORD says,
he who formed me from the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him –
for I am honoured in the eyes of the Lord,
and my God has become my strength –
he says:

'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;
I will make you as a light for the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 40(39):2. 4ab. 7-8a. 8b-9. 10.

R. 8a. 9a

R: Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the LORD,
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. **R.**
2. You delight not in sacrifice and offering,
but in an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and sin offering.
Then I said, 'Behold, I have come.' **R.**
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written of me:
'I delight to do your will, O my God;
your instruction lies deep within me.' **R.**
4. Your uprightness I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

The beginning of the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.
Paul, called by the will of God to be an Apostle of Christ Jesus, and
our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in
Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in
every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their
Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL John 1:14a. 12a

R: Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us;
to all who did receive him,
he gave the authority to become children of God.

R: Alleluia.

GOSPEL John 1:29-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

At that time: John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said,
'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!
This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks
before me, because he was before me." I myself did not know
him, but for this purpose I came baptising with water, that he might
be revealed to Israel.' And John bore witness: 'I saw the Spirit
descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself
did not know him, but he who sent me to baptise with water said
to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this
is he who baptises with the Holy Spirit." And I have seen and have
borne witness that this is the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant us, O Lord, we pray,
that we may participate worthily in these mysteries,
for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated
the work of our redemption is accomplished.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*You have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.*

Or

*We have come to know and to believe
in the love that God has for us.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love,
and in your kindness
make those you have nourished
by this one heavenly Bread
one in mind and heart.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.