

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

COLLECT

O God, who in the abasement of your Son
have raised up a fallen world,
fill your faithful with holy joy,
for on those you have rescued from slavery to
sin
you bestow eternal gladness.
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 2:2-5

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

The spirit came into me and made me stand up,
and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said,
"Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites,
to the rebels who have turned against me. Till
now they and their ancestors have been in
revolt against me. The sons are defiant and
obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say,
'The Lord says this.' Whether they listen or not,
this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet
among them."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 122 (123)

Response:

**Our eyes are on the Lord till he show us his
mercy.**

- To you have I lifted up my eyes,
you who dwell in the heavens;
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves
on the hand of their lords. (R.)
- Like the eyes of a servant
on the hand of his mistress,
so our eyes are on the Lord our God
till he show us his mercy. (R.)

- Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
We are filled with contempt.
Indeed all too full is our soul
with the scorn of the rich,
with the proud man's disdain. (R.)

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

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

In view of the extraordinary nature of these
revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I
was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan
to beat me and stop me from getting too proud!
About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord
three times for it to leave me, but he has said,
"My grace is enough for you: my power is at its
best in weakness." So I shall be very happy to
make my weaknesses my special boast so that
the power of Christ may stay over me, and that
is why I am quite content with my weaknesses,
and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and
the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it
is when I am weak that I am strong.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh
and lived among us:
to all who did accept him he gave power to
become children of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 6:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Mark.

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples
accompanied him. With the coming of the
sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue
and most of them were astonished when they
heard him. They said, "Where did the man get all
this? What is this wisdom that has been granted
him, and these miracles that are worked
through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the
son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset
and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they
not here with us?" And they would not accept
him. And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is only
despised in his own country among his own
relations and in his own house"; and he could
work no miracle there, though he cured a few
sick people by laying his hands on them. He was
amazed at their lack of faith.

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

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with
the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

(all bow during the next three lines)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness
of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the
dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this oblation dedicated to your name
purify us, O Lord,
and day by day bring our conduct
closer to the life of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that, having been replenished by such great
gifts,
we may gain the prize of salvation
and never cease to praise you.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

In this hour of farewell, or, better, of leave-
taking, I repeat once more that what matters
most in this life is: our blessed Jesus Christ,
his holy Church, his Gospel, and in the Gospel
above all else the Our Father according to the
mind and heart of Jesus, and the truth and
goodness of his Gospel, goodness which must
be meek and kind, hardworking and patient,
unconquerable and victorious.

(St John XXIII: Spiritual Testament)

