

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.*

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
increase our faith, hope and charity,
and make us love what you command,
so that we may merit what you promise.
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 Sirach 35:15b-17. 20-22b

A reading from the Book of Sirach.

The LORD is the judge,
and with him is no partiality.
He will not show partiality in the case of a poor man;
and he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged.
He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan
or the widow when she pours out her story.
He whose service is pleasing to the Lord will be accepted,
and his prayer will reach to the clouds.
The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds,
and he will not be consoled until it reaches the Lord;
he will not desist until the Most High visits him
and does justice for the righteous and executes judgement.
The Lord will not delay.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 34(33):2-3. 17-18. 19, 23. R. 7a

R: *The lowly one called; the LORD heard him.*

1. I will bless the LORD at all times,
praise of him is always in my mouth.
In the LORD my soul shall make its boast;
the humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**
2. The LORD turns his face against the wicked
to cut off their remembrance from the earth.
When the just one cries out, the LORD hears,
and rescues him in all his distress. **R.**
3. The LORD is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The LORD ransoms the souls of his servants.
All who trust in him shall not be condemned. **R.**

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 4:6-8. 16-18

A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy.

Beloved: I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and
the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight,
I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there
is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the
righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me,
but also to all who have loved his appearing.

At my first defence no one came to stand by me, but all deserted
me. May it not be charged against them! But the Lord stood by
me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might
be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was
rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every
evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him
be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL 2 Corinthians 5:19

R: *Alleluia, alleluia.*

God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself,
and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

R: *Alleluia.*

GOSPEL Luke 18:9-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

At that time: Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in
themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with
contempt: 'Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a
Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by
himself, prayed thus: "God, I thank you that I am not like other men,
extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast
twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get." But the tax collector,
standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat
his breast, saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you,
this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other.
For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who
humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look, we pray, O Lord,
on the offerings we make to your majesty,
that whatever is done by us in your service
may be directed above all to your glory.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.*

Or

*Christ loved us and gave himself up for us,
as a fragrant offering to God.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray,
perfect in us what lies within them,
that what we now celebrate in signs
we may one day possess in truth.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.