

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.**

THE 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,
God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse. 7:2-4. 9-14
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

Ps 23:1-6. R.Cf.v6

**R) Such are the men
who seek your face, O Lord.**

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)

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)

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

A reading from the first letter of St. John 3:1-3
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! Mt 11:28
**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

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Mt 5:8-10

**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.

