

# TODAY'S MASS

27th February 2022

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 17: 19-20

**The Lord became my protector.  
He brought me out to a place of freedom;  
he saved me because he delighted in me.**

## THE COLLECT

Grant us, O Lord, we pray,  
that the course of our world  
may be directed by your peaceful rule  
and that your Church may rejoice,  
untroubled in her devotion.  
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 Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,  
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.  
The kiln tests the work of the potter,  
the test of a man is in his conversation.  
The orchard where a tree grows is judged on the quality of  
its fruit,  
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.  
Do not praise a man before he has spoken,  
since this is the test of men.

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

## PSALM

Ps.91:2-3,13-16. R. Cf.v2

**R) It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
to make music to your name, O Most High,  
to proclaim your love in the morning  
and your truth in the watches of the night. **(R)**

The just will flourish like the palm tree  
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **(R)**

Planted in the house of the Lord  
they will flourish in the courts of our God,  
still bearing fruit when they are old,  
still full of sap, still green,  
to proclaim that the Lord is just.  
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **(R)**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul  
to the Corinthians 15:54-58

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and  
when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words  
of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory.  
Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now  
the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law.  
So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord  
Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep  
on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord,  
you cannot be labouring in vain.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cf. Acts 16:14

**Alleluia, alleluia!  
Open our hearts, O Lord,  
to accept the words of your Son.  
Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Luke 6:39-45

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

Jesus told a parable to his disciples: 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

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

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who provide gifts to be offered to your name  
and count our oblations as signs  
of our desire to serve you with devotion,  
we ask of your mercy  
that what you grant as the source of merit  
may also help us to attain merit's reward.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 12: 6

**I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me,  
sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished by your saving gifts,  
we beseech your mercy, Lord,  
that by this same Sacrament  
with which you feed us in the present age,  
you may make us partakers of life eternal.  
Through Christ our Lord.

