

TODAY'S MASS

7th August 2022

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 73: 20, 19, 22, 23

**Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.**

THE COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
whom, taught by the Holy Spirit,
we dare to call our Father,
bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts
the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters,
that we may merit to enter into the inheritance
which you have promised.
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 Wisdom 18:6-9

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that,
once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in
they would joyfully take courage.
This was the expectation of your people,
the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies;
for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes
you made us glorious by calling us to you.
The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret
and this divine pact they struck with one accord:
that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike;
and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps. 32:1.12.18-20.22.R.v12

R) Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own. **(R)**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **(R)**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of the Hebrews 11:1-2. 8-19

(For shorter form, read between [])

[Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or
prove the existence of the realities that at present remain
unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a
country that was the inheritance given to him and his
descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was
going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land,
and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob,
who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there
in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and
built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the
age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he

who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of
this, there came from one man, and one who was already good
as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as
many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the
seashore.]

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that
had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and
welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and
nomads on earth. People who use such terms about
themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their
real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they
came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but
in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly
homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their
God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up
Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the
promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is
through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was
confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and
so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
**Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom
Alleluia!**

Cf. Mt 11:25

GOSPEL (Shorter Form)

Luke 12:35-40

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'See that you are dressed for action
and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to
return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon
as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the
master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will
put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It
may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy
those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of
this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar
would come, he would not have let anyone break through the
wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son
of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect'.

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Be pleased, O Lord, to accept the offerings of your Church,
for in your mercy you have given them to be offered
and by your power you transform them
into the mystery of our salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 147: 12, 14

**O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the communion in your Sacrament
that we have consumed, save us, O Lord,
and confirm us in the light of your truth.
Through Christ our Lord.

