

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

Ps 94:6-7

COLLECT

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care,
that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace,
they may be defended always by your protection.
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

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah. Isaiah 58:6-10

Thus says the Lord: Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose
the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let
the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the
homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to
cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?

Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing
shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before
you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rearguard.

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and
he will say, 'Here I am.' If you take away the yoke from your
midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, if
you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of
the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your
gloom be as the noonday.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 112(111):4-5. 6-7. 8a, 9. R.4a

R. A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

or: Alleluia.

A light rises in the darkness for the upright;
he is generous, merciful, and righteous.
It goes well for the man who deals generously and lends,
who conducts his affairs with justice.

He will never be moved;
for ever shall the upright be remembered.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart, he trusts in the LORD.

With a steadfast heart he will not fear.
Open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His might shall be exalted in glory.

SECOND READING

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.
1 Corinthians 2:1-5

I, when I came to you, brothers and sisters, did not come
proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or
wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except
Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness
and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my
message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in
demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might
not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia.

John 8:12

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-16

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'You are the salt of
the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness
be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be
thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

'You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be
hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket,
but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that
they may see your good works and give glory to your Father
who is in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O Lord our God,
who once established these created things
to sustain us in our frailty,
grant, we pray,
that they may become for us now
the Sacrament of eternal life.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 106:8-9

**Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.**

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who have willed that we be partakers
in the one Bread and the one Chalice,
grant us, we pray, so to live
that, made one in Christ,
we may joyfully bear fruit
for the salvation of the world.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

