

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Jn 12:1, 12-13; Ps 23:9-10

Six days before the Passover,
when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem,
the children ran to meet him;
in their hands they carried palm branches
and with a loud voice cried out:

*Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are you, who have come in your
abundant mercy!

O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.

Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is this king of glory?

He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

*Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are you, who have come in your
abundant mercy!

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
who as an example of humility for the human race to follow
caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the Cross,
graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering
and so merit a share in his Resurrection.

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 50:4-7

The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are
taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is
weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear
to hear as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened
my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backwards. I
gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those
who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and
spitting. But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been
disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know
that I shall not be put to shame.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 22(21):8-9. 17-18a. 19-20. 23-24. R.2a

R. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

All who see me deride me;
they curl their lips, they toss their heads:
'He trusted in the LORD, let him save him;
let him release him, for in him he delights.'

For dogs have surrounded me;
a band of the wicked besets me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet;
I can count every one of my bones.

They divide my clothing among them,
they cast lots for my robe.

But you, O LORD, do not stay afar off;
my strength, make haste to help me!

I will tell of your name to my kin,
and praise you in the midst of the assembly;
'You who fear the LORD, give him praise;
all descendants of Jacob, give him glory;
revere him, all you descendants of Israel.'

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians.

Philippians 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count
equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself,
by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of
men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a
cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed
on him the name that is above every name, so that at the
name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth
and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus
Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Philippians 2:8-9

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

**Christ became for us obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.**

Therefore God has highly exalted him

and bestowed on him the name that is above every name.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

THE PASSION

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Matthew 26:14-27:66

At the end: The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Through the Passion of your Only Begotten Son, O Lord,
may our reconciliation with you be near at hand,
so that, though we do not merit it by our own deeds,
yet by this sacrifice made once for all,

we may feel already the effects of your mercy.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

R. COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Mt 26:42

**Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it,
your will be done.**

R. PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished with these sacred gifts,
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,

that, just as through the death of your Son

R. you have brought us to hope for what we believe,

so by his Resurrection

you may lead us to where you call.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

