

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.
You will call upon me, and I will answer you,
and I will lead back your captives from every place.*

COLLECT

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,
the constant gladness of being devoted to you,
for it is full and lasting happiness
to serve with constancy
the author of all that is good.
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 Malachi 4:1-2a

A reading from the Prophet Malachi.

Behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the
arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming
shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave
them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name, the
sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 98(97):5-6. 7-8a. 8b-9b. 9cd. R. cf. 9

R: The LORD comes to judge the peoples with fairness.

1. Sing psalms to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the sound of song.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn,
raise a shout before the King, the LORD. *R.*
2. Let the sea and all within it thunder;
the world, and those who dwell in it.
Let the rivers clap their hands. *R.*
3. The hills ring out their joy
at the presence of the LORD, for he comes.
He comes to judge the earth. *R.*
4. He will judge the world with justice,
and the peoples with fairness. *R.*

SECOND READING 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians.

Brothers and sisters: You know how you ought to imitate us,
because we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat
anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labour we
worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of
you. It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you
in ourselves an example to imitate. For even when we were with
you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to
work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in
idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we
command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work
quietly and to earn their own living.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL Luke 21:28

R: Alleluia, alleluia.

Straighten up and raise your heads,
because your redemption is drawing near.

R: Alleluia.

GOSPEL Luke 21:5-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

At that time: While some were speaking of the Temple, how it was
adorned with noble stones and offerings, Jesus said, 'As for these
things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left
here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.' And
they asked him, 'Teacher, when will these things be, and what will
be the sign when these things are about to take place?' And he
said, 'See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my
name, saying, "I am he!" and, "The time is at hand!" Do not go
after them. And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be
terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not
be at once.'

Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom
against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, and in various
places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great
signs from heaven. But before all this they will lay their hands on
you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and
prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for
my name's sake. This will be your opportunity to bear witness.
Settle it, therefore in your minds, not to meditate beforehand how
to answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of
your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. You will
be delivered up even by parents and brothers and sisters, and
relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. You
will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head
will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant, O Lord, we pray,
that what we offer in the sight of your majesty
may obtain for us the grace of being devoted to you
and gain us the prize of everlasting happiness.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.*

Or

*Amen, I say to you: Whatever you ask in prayer,
believe that you will receive,
and it shall be given to you, says the Lord.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery,
humbly imploring, O Lord,
that what your Son commanded us to do
in memory of him
may bring us growth in charity.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.