

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

*If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?  
But with you is found forgiveness,  
O God of Israel.*

**COLLECT**

May your grace, O Lord, we pray,  
at all times go before us and follow after  
and make us always determined  
to carry out good works.  
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** Wisdom 7:7-11

A reading from the book of Wisdom.  
I prayed, and understanding was given me;  
I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.  
I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones;  
compared with her, I held riches as nothing.  
I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer,  
for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand,  
and beside her silver ranks as mud.  
I loved her more than health or beauty,  
preferred her to the light,  
since her radiance never sleeps.  
In her company all good things came to me,  
at her hands riches not to be numbered.

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

**PSALM** Psalm 89

**RESPONSE:** *Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.*

1. Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?  
Show pity to your servants. **R.**
2. In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Give us joy to balance our affliction  
for the years when we knew misfortune. **R.**
3. Show forth your work to your servants;  
let your glory shine on their children.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

**SECOND READING** Hebrews 4:12-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.  
The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any  
double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place  
where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow;  
it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing  
can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes  
of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

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  
to mere children.*  
**Alleluia!**

Or

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**How happy are the poor in spirit;**  
**theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**  
**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL** Mark 10:17-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.  
*(For shorter form read between > <)*

> Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt  
before him and put this question to him, "Good master, what  
must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do  
you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the  
commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery;  
You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must  
not defraud; Honour your father and mother." And he said to him,  
"Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days." Jesus looked  
steadily at him and loved him, and he said, "There is one thing you  
lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the  
poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."  
But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was  
a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, "How hard it is  
for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!" The  
disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, "My  
children," he said to them, "how hard it is to enter the kingdom of  
God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle  
than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." They were more  
astonished than ever. "In that case", they said to one another,  
"who can be saved?" Jesus gazed at them. "For men", he said,  
"it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible  
for God." <

Peter took this up. "What about us?" he asked him. "We have  
left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "I tell you solemnly,  
there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father,  
children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who  
will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters,  
mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in  
this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life."

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

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful  
with the sacrificial offerings,  
that, through these acts of devotedness,  
we may pass over to the glory of heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

**The rich suffer want and go hungry,**  
**but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.**

Or

**When the Lord appears, we shall be like him,**  
**for we shall see him as he is.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord,  
that, as you feed us with the nourishment  
which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your Son,  
so you may make us sharers of his divine nature.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**