

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,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING Isaiah 25:6-10
A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 22

RESPONSE: *In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.*

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **R.**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R.**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R.**

SECOND READING Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been
through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere:
full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is

nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me
strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in
my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ
Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for
ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!
The Word was made flesh and lived among us;
to all who did accept him
he gave power to become children of God.
Alleluia!*

Or

*Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL Matthew 22:1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
(for shorter form read between > <)

>Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "The
kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast
for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who
had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some
more servants. 'Tell those who have been invited,' he said, 'that I
have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have
been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding.'
But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to
his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them
and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops,
destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to
his servants, 'The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited
proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite
everyone you can find to the wedding.' So these servants went out
on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find,
bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.<
When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man
who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, 'How
did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?' And
the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind
him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there
will be weeping and grinding of teeth.' For many are called, but
few are chosen."

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.