

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.