

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

*To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.  
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.  
Nor let my enemies exult over me;  
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.*

**COLLECT**

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,  
the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ  
with righteous deeds at his coming,  
so that, gathered at his right hand,  
they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.  
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** Jeremiah 33:14-16

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD,  
when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel  
and the house of Judah.

In those days and at that time

I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David,  
and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely.

And this is the name by which it will be called:

'The LORD is our righteousness.'

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Psalm 25(24):4-5b. 8-9. 10. 14. R. 1b

*R: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.*

1. O LORD, make me know your ways.  
Teach me your paths.  
Guide me in your truth, and teach me;  
for you are the God of my salvation. **R.**
2. Good and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he shows the way to sinners.  
He guides the humble in right judgement;  
to the humble he teaches his way. **R.**
3. All the LORD's paths are mercy and faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and commands.  
The LORD's secret is for those who fear him;  
to them he reveals his covenant. **R.**

**SECOND READING** 1 Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2

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

Brothers and sisters: May the Lord make you increase and abound  
in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may  
establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and  
Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Finally, then, brothers and sisters, we ask and urge you in the  
Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk  
and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and  
more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the  
Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL** Psalm 85(84):8

*R: Alleluia, alleluia.*

Show us, O LORD, your mercy,  
and grant us your salvation.

*R: Alleluia.*

**GOSPEL** Luke 21:25-28. 34-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in  
sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in  
perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people  
fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the  
world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they  
will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great  
glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up  
and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

'But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with  
dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day  
come upon you suddenly like a trap. For it will come upon all who  
dwell on the face of the whole earth. But stay awake at all times,  
praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that  
are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make,  
gathered from among your gifts to us,  
and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below,  
gain for us the prize of eternal redemption.  
Through Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

*The Lord will bestow his bounty,  
and our earth shall yield its increase.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

May these mysteries, O Lord,  
in which we have participated,  
profit us, we pray,  
for even now, as we walk amid passing things,  
you teach us by them to love the things of heaven  
and hold fast to what endures.  
Through Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*