

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Blest be God the Father,
and the Only Begotten Son of God,
and also the Holy Spirit,
for he has shown us his merciful love.*

COLLECT

God our Father, who by sending into the world the Word of truth and the Spirit of sanctification made known to the human race your wondrous mystery, grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith, we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty. 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 Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

In those days: Moses rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand two tablets of stone. The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, 'The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.'

And Moses quickly bowed his head towards the earth and worshipped. And he said, 'If now I have found favour in your sight, O Lord, please let the Lord go in the midst of us, for it is a stiff-necked people, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Daniel 3:52. 53. 54. 55. 56. R. 52b

R. To be praised and highly exalted for ever!

1. Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our ancestors.

R. To be praised and highly exalted for ever!

2. Blessed is your glorious and holy name.

R. To be praised and highly exalted for ever!

3. Blessed are you in the temple of your holy glory.

R. To be praised and highly exalted for ever!

4. Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom.

R. To be praised and highly exalted for ever!

5. Blessed are you who look into the depths, seated upon the cherubim.

R. To be praised and highly exalted for ever!

6. Blessed are you in the firmament of heaven.

R. To be praised and highly exalted for ever!

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 13:11-14

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

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL cf. Revelation 1:8

R: Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is and who was and who is to come.

R: Alleluia.

GOSPEL John 3:16-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Sanctify by the invocation of your name, we pray, O Lord our God, this oblation of our service, and by it make of us an eternal offering to you. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Since you are children of God,
God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son,
the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May receiving this Sacrament, O Lord our God, bring us health of body and soul, as we confess your eternal holy Trinity and undivided Unity. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.