

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you;
of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face;
hide not your face from me, alleluia.*

COLLECT

Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord,
so that we, who believe that the Saviour of the human race
is with you in your glory,
may experience, as he promised,
until the end of the world,
his abiding presence among us.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 1:12-14

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
After Jesus was taken up into heaven the Apostles returned to
Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem,
a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they
went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and
John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew
and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot
and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were
devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and
Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers and sisters.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 27(26):1. 4. 7-8a. R. 13

*R: I believe I shall see the LORD's goodness in the land
of the living.*

Or *Alleluia.*

1. The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
whom should I dread? *R.*
2. There is one thing I ask of the LORD,
only this do I seek:
to live in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the LORD,
to enquire at his temple. *R.*
3. O LORD, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer me.
Of you my heart has spoken,
'Seek his face.' *R.*

SECOND READING 1 Peter 4:13-16

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Peter.

Beloved: Rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that
you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.
If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed,
because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let
none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evildoer, or
as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not
be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL cf. John 14:18

R: Alleluia, alleluia.

I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord.
I am going away and I will come to you,
and your hearts will rejoice.

R: Alleluia.

GOSPEL John 17:1-11a

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

At that time: Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said,
'Father, the hour has come;
glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you,
since you have given him authority over all flesh,
to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.
And this is eternal life,
that they know you, the only true God,
and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.
I glorified you on earth,
having accomplished the work that you gave me to do.
And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence
with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.
'I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me
out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me,
and they have kept your word.
Now they know that everything that you have given me is
from you.

For I have given them the words that you gave me,
and they have received them
and have come to know in truth that I came from you;
and they have believed that you sent me.
I am praying for them.

I am not praying for the world
but for those whom you have given me,
for they are yours.

All mine are yours, and yours are mine,
and I am glorified in them.

And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world,
and I am coming to you.'

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

*Father, I pray that they may be one
as we also are one, alleluia.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Hear us, O God our Saviour,
and grant us confidence,
that through these sacred mysteries
there will be accomplished in the body of the whole Church
what has already come to pass in Christ her Head.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.