

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

*Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;  
proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.*

**COLLECT**

Grant, almighty God,  
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days  
of joy,  
which we keep in honour of the risen Lord,  
and that what we relive in remembrance  
we may always hold to in what we do.  
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** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.  
In those days: Philip went down to the city of Samaria and  
proclaimed to them the Christ. And the crowds with one  
accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip, when  
they heard him and saw the signs that he did. For unclean  
spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who  
had them, and many who were paralysed or lame were  
healed. So there was much joy in that city.

Now when the Apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria  
had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and  
John, who came down and prayed for them that they might  
receive the Holy Spirit, for he had not yet fallen on any of  
them, but they had only been baptised in the name of the  
Lord Jesus. Then they laid their hands on them and they  
received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Psalm 66(65):1-3a. 4-5. 6-7a. 16, 20. R. 1

**R: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.**

Or **Alleluia.**

1. Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise.  
Say to God, 'How wondrous your deeds!' **R.**
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow down,  
shall sing to you, sing to your name!  
Come and see the works of God:  
his wondrous deeds among the children of Adam. **R.**
3. He turned the sea into dry land;  
they passed through the river on foot.  
Let our joy, then, be in him;  
he rules for ever by his might. **R.**
4. Come and hear, all who fear God;  
I will tell what he did for my soul.  
Blest be God, who did not reject my prayer,  
nor withhold from me his merciful love. **R.**

**SECOND READING** 1 Peter 3:15-18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter.

Beloved: In your hearts honour Christ the Lord as holy,  
always being prepared to make a defence to anyone who  
asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it  
with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so  
that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good  
behaviour in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better  
to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than  
for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the  
righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God,  
being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL** John 14:23

**R: Alleluia, alleluia.**

If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord,  
and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.

**R: Alleluia.**

**GOSPEL** John 14:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If you love me, you  
will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and  
he will give you another Helper, to be with you for ever, even  
the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it  
neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells  
with you and will be in you.

'I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a  
little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see  
me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know  
that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever  
has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves  
me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I  
will love him and manifest myself to him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord,  
together with the sacrificial offerings,  
so that, purified by your graciousness,  
we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

*If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,  
and I will ask the Father and he will send you  
another Paraclete,  
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Almighty ever-living God,  
who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ,  
increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament  
and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**