

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.*

COLLECT

God of might, giver of every good gift,
put into our hearts the love of your name,
so that, by deepening our sense of reverence,
you may nurture in us what is good
and, by your watchful care,
keep safe what you have nurtured.
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 20:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl
and proclaim: "Violence and ruin!"

The word of the Lord has meant for me
insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, "I will not think about him,
I will not speak in his name any more."

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 62

RESPONSE: *For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.*

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **R.**
3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**
4. For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. **R.**

SECOND READING Romans 12:1-2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you,
in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living
bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model
yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your

behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only
way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is
that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see
what hope his call holds for us.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL Matthew 16:21-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined
to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the
elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be
raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started
to remonstrate with him. "Heaven preserve you, Lord," he said.
"This must not happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter,
"Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because
the way you think is not God's way but man's."

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone wants to be a
follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross
and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it;
but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then,
will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or
what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?"

"For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father
with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one
according to his behaviour."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this sacred offering, O Lord,
confer on us always the blessing of salvation,
that what it celebrates in mystery
it may accomplish in power.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.*

Or

*Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of
righteousness,
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Renewed by this bread from the heavenly table,
we beseech you, Lord,
that, being the food of charity,
it may confirm our hearts
and stir us to serve you in our neighbour.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.