

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

God our protector, keep us in mind;
always give strength to your people.

COLLECT

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

1st READING Isaiah 56. 1, 6-8

Thus says the LORD:
Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant –
these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 67

**RESPONSE: Let the peoples praise you, O God
let all the peoples praise you**

May God be merciful to us and bless us,
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
Let your ways be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations. **R/**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
And guide all the nations upon earth. **R/**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
The earth has brought forth her increase;
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
May God give us his blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him. **R/**

2nd READING Romans 11. 1-2a,29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself
am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the
tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he
foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.
Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now
received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have
now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you,
they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in
disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Man does not live on bread alone but on every word
that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL Matthew 15.(10-20)21-28

Then Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen
and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a
person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' Then
the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the
Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' He
answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted
will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the
blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a
pit.' But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' Then he
said, 'Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see
that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes
out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds
from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart
come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false
witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with
unwashed hands does not defile.'

Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite
woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have
mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by
a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples
came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps
shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost
sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before
him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take
the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes,
Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their
masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is
your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter
was healed instantly.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth
into your kingdom.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
if anyone eats this bread they will live for ever.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those who trust in you:
look upon us with your favour
that we who follow the path of your will
may never wander from the way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.