

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,  
and shall sing to you,  
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Ps 65:4

**COLLECT**

Almighty ever-living God,  
who govern all things,  
both in heaven and on earth,  
mercifully hear the pleading of your people  
and bestow your peace on our times.  
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**

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah. Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

The LORD said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him — for I am honoured in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength — he says: 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

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

**PSALM**

Psalm 40(39):2, 4ab. 7-8a. 8b-9. 10. R.8a, 9a

**R. Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will.**

I waited, I waited for the LORD,  
and he stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry.  
He put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God.

You delight not in sacrifice and offering,  
but in an open ear.  
You do not ask for holocaust and sin offering.  
Then I said, 'Behold, I have come.'

In the scroll of the book it stands written of me:  
'I delight to do your will, O my God;  
your instruction lies deep within me.'

Your uprightness I have proclaimed  
in the great assembly.  
My lips I have not sealed;  
you know it, O LORD.

**SECOND READING**

The beginning of the First Letter of Saint Paul to the  
Corinthians. 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Paul, called by the will of God to be an Apostle of Christ Jesus,  
and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in  
Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints  
together with all those who in every place call upon the name  
of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you  
and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

**ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL**

Alleluia, alleluia.

John 1:14a, 12a

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us;  
to all who did receive him,  
he gave the authority to become children of God.  
Alleluia.

**GOSPEL**

John 1:29-34

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that time: John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said,  
'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the  
world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man  
who ranks before me, because he was before me." I myself  
did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptising  
with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John  
bore witness: 'I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a  
dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him,  
but he who sent me to baptise with water said to me, "He  
on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he  
who baptises with the Holy Spirit." And I have seen and have  
borne witness that this is the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

**R.** Grant us, O Lord, we pray,  
that we may participate worthily in these mysteries,  
for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated  
the work of our redemption is accomplished.

**R.** Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**R.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Cf. Ps 22:5

**R.** You have prepared a table before me,  
and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love,  
and in your kindness  
make those you have nourished  
by this one heavenly Bread  
one in mind and heart.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**