

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 66: 10-11

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

First Reading

1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him: God does not see as man sees: man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22(23)

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **R**

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. If I should
walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear. You are there
with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **R**

You have prepared a banquet for
me in the sight of my foes. My
head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R**

Surely goodness and kindness
shall follow me all the days of my
life. In the Lord's own house shall
I dwell for ever and ever. **R**

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

You were darkness once, but now
you are light in the Lord; be like
children of light, for the effects of
the light are seen in complete
goodness and right living and
truth. Try to discover what the
Lord wants of you, having nothing
to do with the futile works of
darkness but exposing them by
contrast. The things which are
done in secret are things that
people are ashamed even to speak
of; but anything exposed by the
light will be illuminated and
anything illuminated turns into
light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.

Gospel Acclamation

John 8:12

**Glory to you, Word of God,
Lord Jesus Christ!**

I am the light of the world, says
the Lord; whoever follows me will
have the light of life.

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Gospel

John 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38

As Jesus went along, he saw a
man who had been blind from
birth. He spat on the ground, made
a paste with the spittle, put this
over the eyes of the blind man,
and said to him, 'Go and wash in
the Pool of Siloam' (a name that
means 'sent'). So the blind man
went off and washed himself, and
came away with his sight restored.
His neighbours and people who
earlier had seen him begging said,
'Isn't this the man who used to sit
and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is
the same one.' Others said, 'No,
he only looks like him.' The man
himself said, 'I am the man.'
They brought the man who had
been blind to the Pharisees. It had
been a sabbath day when Jesus
made the paste and opened the
man's eyes, so when the Pharisees
asked him how he had come to
see, he said, 'He put a paste on my
eyes, and I washed, and I can see.'
Then some of the Pharisees said,
'This man cannot be from God: he
does not keep the sabbath.' Others
said, 'How could a sinner produce
signs like this?' And there was
disagreement among them. So
they spoke to the blind man again,
'What have you to say about him
yourself, now that he has opened
your eyes?' 'He is a prophet'
replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they
replied, 'and you a sinner through
and through, since you were
born!' And they drove him away.
Jesus heard they had driven him
away, and when he found him he
said to him, 'Do you believe in the
Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man
replied, 'tell me who he is so that I
may believe in him.' Jesus said,
'You are looking at him; he is
speaking to you.' The man said,
'Lord, I believe', and worshipped
him.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord anointed my eyes: I
went, I washed, I saw and I
believed in God.