

Entrance Antiphon

As for me, in justice I shall
behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision
of your glory.

First reading

Thus says the Lord: 'As the
rain and the snow come down
from the heavens and do not
return without watering the
earth, making it yield and
giving growth to provide seed
for the sower and bread for the
eater, so the word that goes
from my mouth does not return
to me empty, without carrying
out my will and succeeding in
what it was sent to do.'

Responsorial Psalm

*The seed that falls on good
ground will yield a fruitful
harvest.*

You care for the earth, give it
water, you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims
over to provide its grain. **R**

And thus you provide for the
earth; you drench its furrows;
you level it, soften it with
showers; you bless its growth.
R

You crown the year with your
goodness. Abundance flows in
your steps, in the pastures of
the wilderness it flows. **R**

The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with
flocks, the valleys are decked
with wheat. They shout for joy,
yes, they sing. **R**

Second reading

I think that what we suffer in
this life can never be compared
to the glory, as yet unrevealed,
which is waiting for us. The
whole creation is eagerly
waiting for God to reveal his

sons. It was not for any fault on
the part of creation that it was
made unable to attain its
purpose, it was made so by
God; but creation still retains
the hope of being freed, like us,
from its slavery to decadence,
to enjoy the same freedom and
glory as the children of God.
From the beginning till now the
entire creation, as we know,
has been groaning in one great
act of giving birth; and not only
creation, but all of us who
possess the first-fruits of the
Spirit, we too groan inwardly
as we wait for our bodies to be
set free.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God,
Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live
for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Jesus left the house and sat by
the lakeside, but such large
crowds gathered round him that
he got into a boat and sat there.
The people all stood on the
beach, and he told them many
things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower
going out to sow. As he sowed,
some seeds fell on the edge of
the path, and the birds came
and ate them up. Others fell on
patches of rock where they
found little soil and sprang up
straight away, because there
was no depth of earth; but as
soon as the sun came up, they
were scorched and, not having
any roots, they withered away.
Others fell among thorns, and
the thorns grew up and choked
them. Others fell on rich soil
and produced their crop, some
a hundredfold, some sixty,
some thirty. Listen, anyone
who has ears!'

Communion Antiphon

The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her
young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in
your house,
for ever singing your praise.

NEXT WEEK'S LITURGY

MONDAY 17th July

Exodus 1:8-14,22, Psalm 123(124),
Matthew 10:34-11:1

TUESDAY 18th July

Exodus 2:1-15, Psalm
68(69):3,14,30-31,33-34, Matthew
11:20-24

WEDNESDAY 19th July

Exodus 3:1-6,9-12, Psalm
102(103):1-4,6-7, Matthew 11:25-
27

THURSDAY 20th July

Exodus 3:13-20, Psalm
104(105):1,5,8-9,24-27, Matthew
11:28-30

FRIDAY 21st July

Exodus 11:10-12:14, Psalm
115(116):12-13,15-18, Matthew
12:1-8

SATURDAY 22nd July

Song of Songs 3:1-4, Psalm
62(63):2-6,8-9, John 20:1-2,11-18

SUNDAY 23rd July

Wisdom 12:13,16-19, Psalm
85(86):5-6,9-10,15-16, Romans
8:26-27, Matthew 13:24-43