

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 105: 47

Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy
name, and make it our glory to
praise you.

First Reading

Zephaniah 2:3,3:12-13

Seek the Lord, all you, the
humble of the earth, who obey
his commands. Seek integrity,
seek humility: you may perhaps
find shelter on the day of the
anger of the Lord.

In your midst I will leave a
humble and lowly people, and
those who are left in Israel will
seek refuge in the name of the
Lord. They will do no wrong,
will tell no lies; and the
perjured tongue will no longer
be found in their mouths. But
they will be able to graze and
rest with no one to disturb
them.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145(146):6-10

*Happy the poor in spirit; the
kingdom of heaven is theirs!*

It is the Lord who keeps faith
for ever, who is just to those
who are oppressed. It is he who
gives bread to the hungry, the
Lord, who sets prisoners free.

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It is the Lord who gives sight to
the blind, who raises up those
who are bowed down, the Lord,
who protects the stranger and
upholds the widow and orphan.

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It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the
wicked. The Lord will reign for
ever, Zion's God, from age to
age. **R**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Take yourselves for instance,
brothers, at the time when you
were called: how many of you
were wise in the ordinary sense
of the word, how many were
influential people, or came
from noble families? No, it was
to shame the wise that God
chose what is foolish by human
reckoning, and to shame what
is strong that he chose what is
weak by human reckoning;
those whom the world thinks
common and contemptible are
the ones that God has chosen –
those who are nothing at all to
show up those who are
everything. The human race
has nothing to boast about to
God, but you, God has made
members of Christ Jesus and by
God's doing he has become our
wisdom, and our virtue, and
our holiness, and our freedom.
As scripture says: if anyone
wants to boast, let him boast
about the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 5:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;
your reward will be great in
heaven.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12a

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went
up the hill. There he sat down
and was joined by his disciples.
Then he began to speak. This is
what he taught them:
'How happy are the poor in
spirit; theirs is the kingdom of
heaven.

Happy the gentle: they shall
have the earth for their
heritage.

Happy those who mourn: they
shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and
thirst for what is right: they
shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful: they shall
have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart: they
shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers: they
shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are
persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of
heaven.

'Happy are you when people
abuse you and persecute you
and speak all kinds of calumny
against you on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your
reward will be great in heaven.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 30: 17-18

Let your face shine on your
servant. Save me in your
merciful love. O Lord, let me
never be put to shame, for I call
on you.

Parish Prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, Good
Shepherd of our souls, life laid
down for humankind, you rose
again to lead us to pasture that
consoles, our hearts renewed in
you we find.

Lord Jesus Christ, Good
Shepherd of our souls, life's
dark valleys you tame, and so
we praise your tender care,
your voice that calls by name,
your mercy seeking, when stray
we dare.

Lord Jesus Christ, Good
Shepherd of our souls, make
our parish a home of peace and
grace, so that lifted from our
lowliness, our hearts may know
your warm embrace, our souls
emboldened, now with
holiness.

Amen