

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 85: 1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

First Reading

Joshua 24:1-2,15-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people, 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33(34):2-3,16-23

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its
boast. The humble shall hear and be
glad. **R**

The Lord turns his face against the
wicked to destroy their remembrance
from the earth. The Lord turns his
eyes to the just and his ears to their
appeal. **R**

They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-
hearted; those whose spirit is crushed
he will save. **R**

Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue
him. He will keep guard over all his
bones, not one of his bones shall be
broken. **R**

Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his
servants. Those who hide in him shall
not be condemned. **R**

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:21-32

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

Gospel Acclamation

cf John 6:63. 68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting
life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 6:60-69

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life,
the flesh has nothing to offer.
The words I have spoken to you are
spirit and they are life.'

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 103: 13-15

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

**21st week in Ordinary Time–
YEAR B**

Monday 26th of August

2 Thess 1:1-5,11-12, Psalm
95(96):1-5, Matthew 23:13-22

**Tuesday 27th of August
Saint Monica**

2 Thess 2:1-3,14-17, Psalm
95(96):10-13, Matthew 23:23-26

**Wednesday 28th of August
Saint Augustine, Bishop, Doctor**
2 Thess 3:6-10,16-18, Psalm
127(128):1-2,4-5, Matthew 23:27-32

**Thursday 29th of August
The Passion of Saint John the
Baptist**

1 Corinthians 1:1-9, Psalm
144(145):2-7, Mark 6:17-29

Friday 30th of August
1 Corinthians 1:17-25, Psalm
32(33):1-2,4-5,10-11, Matthew
25:1-13

Saturday 31st of August
1 Corinthians 1:26-31, Psalm
32(33):12-13,18-21, Matthew 25:14-
30

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
– 1st September**
Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8, Psalm
14(15):2-5, James 1:17-18,21-22,27,
Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23