

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.*

COLLECT

O God, protector of those who hope in you,
without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy,
bestow in abundance your mercy upon us
and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide,
we may use the good things that pass
in such a way as to hold fast even now
to those that ever endure.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING 2 Kings 4:42-44

A reading from the second book of Kings.

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God,
bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in
the ear. "Give it to the people to eat," Elisha said. But his servant
replied, "How can I serve this to a hundred men?" "Give it to the
people to eat," he insisted, "for the Lord says this, 'They will eat and
have some left over.'" He served them; they ate and had some over,
as the Lord had said.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm Psalm 144

RESPONSE: *You open wide your hand, O Lord,
and grant our desires.*

1. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. R.
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. R.
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. R.

SECOND READING Ephesians 4:1-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your
vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness,
gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the
Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one
Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when
you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one
God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words are spirit, Lord,
and they are life:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!*

Or

*Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL John 6:1-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias
– and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave
by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there
with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to
Philip, "Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?"
He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he
was going to do. Philip answered, "Two hundred denarii would only
buy enough to give them a small piece each." One of his disciples,
Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, "There is a small boy here with
five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?"
Jesus said to them, "Make the people sit down." There was plenty
of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then
Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who
were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as
much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the
disciples, "Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted."
So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left
over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign
that he had given, said, "This really is the prophet who is to come
into the world." Jesus, who could see they were about to come and
take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by
himself.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the offerings
which we bring from the abundance of your gifts,
that through the powerful working of your grace
these most sacred mysteries may sanctify our present way of life
and lead us to eternal gladness.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.*

Or

*Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We have consumed, O Lord, this divine Sacrament,
the perpetual memorial of the Passion of your Son;
grant, we pray, that this gift,
which he himself gave us with love beyond all telling,
may profit us for salvation.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.