

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;  
proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

**GLORIA**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

**COLLECT**

Grant, almighty God,  
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion  
these days of joy,  
which we keep in honour of the risen Lord,  
and that what we relive in remembrance  
we may always hold to in what we do.  
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** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Philip went to a Samaritan town and  
proclaimed the Christ to them. The people  
united in welcoming the message Philip  
preached, either because they had heard  
of the miracles he worked or because they  
saw them for themselves. There were, for  
example, unclean spirits that came shrieking  
out of many who were possessed, and  
several paralytics and cripples were cured.  
As a result there was great rejoicing in that  
town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that  
Samaria had accepted the word of God, they  
sent Peter and John to them, and they went  
down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to  
receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not  
come down on any of them: they had only  
been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus.  
Then they laid hands on them, and they  
received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**PSALM** Psalm 65

Response:

Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

or

Alleluia!

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,  
O sing to the glory of his name.

O render him glorious praise.  
Say to God: "How tremendous your  
deeds!" (R.)

2. "Before you all the earth shall bow;  
shall sing to you, sing to your name!"  
Come and see the works of God,  
tremendous his deeds among men. (R.)
3. He turned the sea into dry land,  
they passed through the river dry-shod.  
Let our joy then be in him;  
he rules for ever by his might. (R.)
4. Come and hear, all who fear God.  
I will tell what he did for my soul:  
Blessed be God who did not reject my  
prayer  
nor withhold his love for me. (R.)

**SECOND READING** 1 Peter 3:15-18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter.

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and  
always have your answer ready for people  
who ask you the reason for the hope that  
you all have. But give it with courtesy and  
respect and with a clear conscience, so that  
those who slander you when you are living  
a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in  
the accusations that they bring. And if it is  
the will of God that you should suffer, it is better  
to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he  
was, had died once for sins, died for the  
guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was  
put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: "If anyone loves me he will keep  
my word,  
and my Father will love him, and we shall  
come to him."

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** John 14:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
John.

Jesus said to his disciples:

"If you love me you will keep my  
commandments.

I shall ask the Father,  
and he will give you another Advocate  
to be with you for ever,  
that Spirit of truth  
whom the world can never receive  
since it neither sees nor knows him;  
but you know him,  
because he is with you, he is in you.  
I will not leave you orphans;  
I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see  
me;

but you will see me,  
because I live and you will live.

On that day  
you will understand that I am in my Father  
and you in me and I in you.  
Anybody who receives my commandments  
and keeps them  
will be one who loves me  
and anybody who loves me will be loved by  
my Father,  
and I shall love him and show myself to  
him."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**PROFESSION OF FAITH**

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

(all bow during the next two lines)

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the  
Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living  
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.  
Amen.

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord,  
together with the sacrificial offerings,  
so that, purified by your graciousness,  
we may be conformed to the mysteries of  
your mighty love.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

If you love me, keep my commandments,  
says the Lord,  
and I will ask the Father and he will send you  
another Paraclete,  
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Almighty ever-living God,  
who restore us to eternal life in the  
Resurrection of Christ,  
increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this  
paschal Sacrament  
and pour into our hearts the strength of this  
saving food.

Amen.

