



The Mass

30/11/2015 - 5/12/2015

Weekday Readings

Saint Andrew, Apostle (F) - 30/11/2015

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Beside the Sea of Galilee, the Lord saw two brothers, Peter and Andrew, and he said to them: Come after me and I will make you fishers of men.

FIRST READING: ROMANS 10:9-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Faith comes from what is heard and what is heard comes from the preaching of Christ.

If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

But they will not ask his help unless they believe in him, and they will not believe in him unless they have heard of him, and they will not hear of him unless they get a preacher, and they will never have a preacher unless one is sent, but as scripture says: The footsteps of those who bring good news are a welcome sound. Not everyone, of course, listens to the Good News. As Isaiah says: Lord, how many believed what we proclaimed? So faith comes from what is preached, and what is preached comes from the word of Christ.

Let me put this question: is it possible that they did not hear? Indeed they did; in the words of the psalm, their voice has gone out through all the earth, and their message to the ends of the world.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 18

R. Their message goes out through all the earth.

The heavens proclaim the glory of God and the firmament shows forth the work of his hands. Day unto day takes up the story and night unto night makes known the message. **R.**

No speech, no word, no voice is heard yet their span goes forth through all the earth, their words to the utmost bounds of the world. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 4:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 4:18-22

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

As Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Tuesday of the first week of Advent - 1/12/2015

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Behold, the Lord will come, and all his holy ones with him; and on that day there will be a great light.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 11:1-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Spirit of the Lord God rests upon him.

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.

(The fear of the Lord is his breath.)

He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand.

They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 71:1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. **R.**

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to the earth's bounds. **R.**

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. **R.**

May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun. Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: PS 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Behold, our Lord shall come with power; he will enlighten the eyes of his servants.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: LUKE 10:21-24

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit.

Filled with joy by the Holy Spirit, Jesus said, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

Then turning to his disciples he spoke to them in private, 'Happy the eyes that see what you see, for I tell you that many prophets and kings wanted to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Wednesday of the first week of Advent - 2/12/2015

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord will come and he will not delay. He will illumine what is hidden in darkness and reveal himself to all the nations.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 25:6-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord God has invited us to rejoice with him, and he will wipe away the tears from every face.

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord God will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.

We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 22

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

The Lord is coming to save his people; happy are those prepared to meet him.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 15:29-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus healed many and multiplied the bread.

Jesus reached the shores of the Sea of Galilee, and he went up into the hills. He sat there, and large crowds came to him bringing the lame, the crippled, the blind, the dumb and many others; these they put down at his feet, and he cured them. The crowds were astonished to see the dumb speaking, the cripples whole again, the lame walking and the blind with their sight, and they praised the God of Israel.

But Jesus called his disciples to him and said, 'I feel sorry for all these people; they have been with me for three days now and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them off hungry, they might collapse on the way.' The disciples said to him, 'Where could we get enough bread in this deserted place to feed such a crowd?' Jesus said to them, 'How many loaves have you?' 'Seven' they said 'and a few small fish.' Then he instructed the crowd to sit down on the ground, and he took the seven loaves and the fish, and he gave thanks and broke them and handed them to the disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected what was left of the scraps, seven baskets full.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Saint Francis Xavier (M) - 3/12/2015

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will tell of your name to my kin.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 26:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Let the upright nations, the custodians of truth, come in.

That day, this song will be sung in the land of Judah:

We have a strong city; to guard us he has set wall and rampart about us.

Open the gates! Let the upright nation come in, she, the faithful one whose mind is steadfast, who keeps the peace, because she trusts in you.

Trust in the Lord for ever, for the Lord is the everlasting Rock; he has brought low those who lived high up in the steep citadel; he brings it down, brings it down to the ground, flings it down in the dust: the feet of the lowly, the footsteps of the poor trample on it.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 117:1. 8-9. 19-21. 25-27

R. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good for his love has no end. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men: it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. **R.**

Open to me the gates of holiness: I will enter and give thanks. This is the Lord's own gate where the just may enter I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour.

R.

O Lord, grant us salvation; O Lord, grant success. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; the Lord God is our light. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ISAIAH 55:6

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Seek the Lord while he can be found. Call on him while he is near.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 7:21. 24-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Whoever does the will of the Father will enter the kingdom of heaven.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'It is not those who say to me, "Lord, Lord", who will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the person who does the will of my Father in heaven.

'Therefore, everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a sensible man who built his house on rock. Rain came down, floods rose, gales blew and hurled themselves against that house, and it did not fall: it was founded on rock. But everyone who listens to these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a stupid man who built his house on sand. Rain came down, floods rose, gales blew and struck that house, and it fell; and what a fall it had!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

What I say to you in the darkness speak in the light, says the Lord, what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.

Friday of the first week of Advent - 4/12/2015

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Behold, the Lord will come descending with splendour to visit his people with peace, and he will bestow on them eternal life.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 29:17-24

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In that day, the eyes of the blind will see.

The Lord says this:

In a short time, a very short time, shall not Lebanon become fertile land and fertile land turn into forest? The deaf, that day, will hear the words of a book and, after shadow and darkness, the eyes of the blind will see.

But the lowly will rejoice in the Lord even more and the poorest exult in the Holy One of Israel; for tyrants shall be no more, and scoffers vanish, and all be destroyed who are disposed to do evil: those who gossip to incriminate others, those who try at the gate to trip the arbitrator and get the upright man's case dismissed for groundless reasons.

Therefore the Lord speaks, the God of the House of Jacob, Abraham's redeemer: No longer shall Jacob be ashamed, no more shall his face grow pale, for he shall see what my hands have done in his midst, he shall hold my name holy.

They will hallow the Holy One of Jacob, stand in awe of the God of Israel. Erring spirits will learn wisdom and murmurers accept instruction.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 26:1. 4. 13-14

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help, whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple. **R.**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Behold, our Lord shall come with power; he will enlighten the eyes of his servants.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 9:27-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Their belief in Jesus brought a cure to the two blind men.

As Jesus went on his way two blind men followed him shouting, 'Take pity on us, Son of David.' And when Jesus reached the house the blind men came up with him and he said to them, 'Do you believe I can do this?' They said, 'Sir, we do .' Then he touched their eyes saying, 'Your faith deserves it, so let this be done for you.' And their sight returned. Then Jesus sternly warned them, 'Take care that no one learns about this.' But when they had gone, they talked about him all over the countryside.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

We await a saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our mortal bodies, to conform with his glorified body.

Saturday of the first week of Advent - 5/12/2015

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Come and show us your face, O Lord, who are seated upon the Cherubim, and we will be saved.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 30:19-21. 23-26

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord God will be gracious to you when he hears your cry.

Thus says the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel:

People of Zion, you will live in Jerusalem and weep no more. He will be gracious to you when he hears your cry; when he hears he will answer. When the Lord has given you the bread of suffering and the water of distress, he who is your teacher will hide no longer, and you will see your teacher with your own eyes. Whether you turn to right or left, your ears will hear these words behind you, 'This is the way, follow it.' He will send rain for the seed you sow in the ground, and the bread that the ground provides will be rich and nourishing. Your cattle will graze, that day, in wide pastures. Oxen and donkeys that till the ground will eat a salted fodder, winnowed with shovel and fork. On every lofty mountain, on every high hill there will be streams and watercourses, on the day of the great slaughter when the strongholds fall. Then moonlight will be bright as sunlight and sunlight itself be seven times brighter - like the light of seven days in one - on the day the Lord dresses the wound of his people and heals the bruises his blows have left.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 146:1-6

R. Happy are all who long for the coming of the Lord

Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving: to him our praise is due. The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles. **R.**

He heals the broken-hearted, he binds up all their wounds. He fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by its name. **R.**

Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured. The Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked in the dust. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ISAIAH 33:22

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord will judge us by his law; he is our King and Saviour.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 9:35-10:1. 6-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them.

Jesus made a tour through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness.

And when he saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of disease and sickness. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows: 'Go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, I am coming soon and my recompense is with me, says the Lord, to bestow a reward according to the deeds of each.