



## **Weekday Readings**

**11 – 16 September 2017**

# Monday of the twenty-third week in Ordinary Time - 9/11/2017

## Entrance Antiphon

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

## First Reading: Colossians 1:24 - 2:3

*I am the servant of the Church to make known the word of God, a mystery hidden for generations.*

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my own body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ. It is for this I struggle wearily on, helped only by his power driving me irresistibly.

Yes, I want you to know that I do have to struggle hard for you, and for those in Laodicea, and for so many others who have never seen me face to face. It is all to bind you together in love and to stir your minds, so that your understanding may come to full development, until you really know God's secret in which all the jewels of wisdom and knowledge are hidden.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm: Ps 61:6-7. 9

**R.** In God is my safety and my glory.

In God alone be at rest, my soul; for my hope comes from him. He alone is my rock, my stronghold, my fortress; I stand firm. **R.**

Take refuge in God all you people. Trust him at all times. Pour out your hearts before him for God is our refuge. **R.**

## Gospel Acclamation: John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

## Gospel: Luke 6:6-11

*They watched him to see if he would cure a man on the sabbath.*

On the sabbath Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach, and a man was there whose right hand was withered. The scribes and the Pharisees were watching him to see if he would cure a man on the sabbath, hoping to find something against him. But he knew their thoughts; and he said to the man with the withered hand, 'Stand up! Come out into the middle.' And he came out and stood there. Then Jesus said to them, 'I put it to you: is it against the law on the sabbath to do good, or to do evil; to save life, or to destroy it?' Then he looked around at them all and said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand.' He did so, and his hand was better. But they were furious, and began to discuss the best way of dealing with Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Communion Antiphon

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

# Tuesday of the twenty-third week in Ordinary Time - 9/12/2017

## Entrance Antiphon

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

## First Reading: Colossians 2:6-15

*You must live your life in Christ, who has given you all forgiveness.*

You must live your whole life according to the Christ you have received - Jesus the Lord; you must be rooted in him and built on him and held firm by the faith you have been taught, and full of thanksgiving.

Make sure that no one traps you and deprives you of your freedom by some secondhand, empty, rational philosophy based on the principles of this world instead of on Christ.

In his body lives the fullness of divinity, and in him you too find your own fulfilment, in the one who is the head of every Sovereignty and Power.

In him you have been circumcised, with circumcision not performed by human hand, but by the complete stripping of your body of flesh. This is circumcision according to Christ. You have been buried with him, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross; and so he got rid of the Sovereignities and the Powers, and paraded them in public, behind him in his triumphal procession.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:1-2. 8-11

**R.** The Lord is compassionate to all his creatures.

I will give you glory, O God my King, I will bless your name for ever. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. **R.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

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.**

## Gospel Acclamation: cf John 15:16

Alleluia, alleluia! I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, to go and bear fruit that will last. Alleluia!

## Gospel: Luke 6:12-19

*He spent the night in prayer. He chose twelve from his disciples and called them Apostles.*

Jesus went out into the hills to pray; and he spent the whole night in prayer to God. When day came he summoned his disciples and picked out twelve of them; he called them 'apostles': Simon whom he called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Simon called the Zealot, Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot who became a traitor.

He then came down with them and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. People tormented by unclean spirits were also cured, and everyone in the crowd was trying to touch him because power came out of him that cured them all.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Communion Antiphon

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# Saint John Chrysostom (M) - 9/13/2017 - Year A

## Entrance Antiphon

Those who are wise will shine brightly like the splendour of the firmament and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars for ever.

## First Reading: Colossians 3:1-11

*You must die with Christ; put to death everything in you that belongs to earthly life.*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; all this is the sort of behaviour that makes God angry. And it is the way in which you used to live when you were surrounded by people doing the same thing, but now you, of all people, must give all these things up: getting angry, being bad-tempered, spitefulness, abusive language and dirty talk; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## First Reading: Ephesians 4:1-7. 11-13

*In the work of service we help in building up the body of Christ.*

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, over all, through all and within all.

Each one of us, however, has been given his own share of grace, given as Christ allotted it. To some his gift was that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers; so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ. In this way we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God, until we become the perfect Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:2-3. 10-13

**R.** The Lord is compassionate to all his creatures.

I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. The Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured. **R.**

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.**

To make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign. Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age. **R.**

## Responsorial Psalm Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10

**R.** Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. **R.**

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. **R.**

In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. **R.**

Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. **R.**

## Gospel Acclamation: Luke 6:23

Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven. Alleluia!

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

## Gospel: Luke 6:20-26

*Happy are the poor. Woe to you who are rich.*

Fixing his eyes on his disciples Jesus said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God. Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as a criminal, on the account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Gospel Long Mark 4:1-10. 13-20

*The sower went out to sow seed.*

Jesus began to teach by the lakeside, but such a huge crowd gathered round him that he got into a boat on the lake and sat there. The people were all along the shore, at the water's edge. He taught them many things in parables, and in the course of his teaching he said to them, 'Listen! Imagine a sower going out to sow. Now it happened that, as he sowed, some of the seed fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some seed fell on rocky ground where it found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; and when the sun came up it was scorched and, not having any roots, it withered away. Some seed fell into thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it produced no crop. And some seeds fell into rich soil, and growing tall and strong, produced crop; and yielded thirty, sixty, even a hundredfold.' And he said, 'Listen, anyone who has ears to hear!'

When he was alone, the Twelve, together with others who formed his company, asked what the parables meant.

He said to them, 'Do you not understand this parable? Then how will you understand any of the parables? What the sower is sowing is the word. Those on the edge of the path where the word is sown are people who have no sooner heard it than Satan comes and carries away the word that was sown in them. Similarly, those who receive the seed on patches of rock are people who, when they first hear the word, welcome it at once with joy. But they have no root in them, they do not last; should some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, they fall away at once. Then there are others who receive the seed in thorns. These have heard the word, but the worries of this world, the lure of riches and all the other passions come in to choke the word, and so it produces nothing. And there are those who have received the seed in rich soil: they hear the word and accept it and yield a harvest, thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Gospel Short Mark 4:1-9

*The sower went out to sow seed.*

Jesus began to teach by the lakeside, but such a huge crowd gathered round him that he got into a boat on the lake and sat there. The people were all along the shore, at the water's edge. He taught them many things in parables, and in the course of his teaching he said to them, 'Listen! Imagine a sower going out to sow. Now it happened that, as he sowed, some of the seed fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some seed fell on rocky ground where it found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; and when the sun came up it was scorched and, not having any roots, it withered away. Some seed fell into thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it produced no crop. And some seeds fell into rich soil, and growing tall and strong, produced crop; and yielded thirty, sixty, even a hundredfold.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Communion Antiphon

We proclaim Christ crucified; Christ, the power of God and the wisdom of God.

# The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (F) - 9/14/2017 - Year A

## Entrance Antiphon

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

## First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

*When those that were afflicted looked upon it, they were healed.*

On the way through the wilderness the people lost patience. They spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness? For there is neither bread nor water here; we are sick of this unsatisfying food.'

At this God sent fiery serpents among the people; their bite brought death to many in Israel. The people came and said to Moses, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Intercede for us with the Lord to save us from these serpents.' Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord answered him, 'Make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at it, he shall live.' So Moses fashioned a bronze serpent which he put on a standard, and if anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm: Ps 77:1-2. 34-38

**R.** Do not forget the works of the Lord!

Give heed, my people, to my teaching; turn your ear to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable and reveal hidden lessons of the past. **R.**

When he slew them then they would seek him, return and seek him in earnest. They would remember that God was their rock, God the Most High their redeemer. **R.**

But the words they spoke were mere flattery; they lied to him with their lips. For their hearts were not truly with him; they were not faithful to his covenant. **R.**

Yet he who is full of compassion forgave their sin and spared them. So often he held back his anger when he might have stirred up his rage. **R.**

## Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

*He humbled himself, therefore God had exalted him.*

The state of Jesus was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of the Father.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your cross you have redeemed the world. Alleluia!

## Gospel: John 3:13-17

*The Son of Man must be lifted up.*

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven, the Son of Man who is in heaven; and the Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Communion Antiphon

When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.

# Our Lady of Sorrows (M) - 9/15/2017 - Year A

## Entrance Antiphon

Simeon said to Mary: Behold, this child is destined for the ruin and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign of contradiction; and your own soul a sword will pierce.

## First Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

*He learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation.*

During his life on earth, he offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm: Ps 30:2-6. 15-16. 20

**R.** Save me, O Lord, in your steadfast love.

In you, O Lord, I take refuge. Let me never be put to shame. In your justice, set me free, hear me and speedily rescue me. **R.**

Be a rock of refuge for me, a mighty stronghold to save me, for you are my rock, my stronghold, For your name's sake, lead me and guide me. **R.**

Release me from the snares they have hidden for you are my refuge, Lord. Into your hands I commend my spirit. It is you who will redeem me, Lord. **R.**

As for me, I trust in you, Lord, I say: 'You are my God. My life is in your hands, deliver me from the hands of those who hate me.' **R.**

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you, that you show to those who trust you in the sight of men. **R.**

## Gospel Acclamation:

**SEQUENCE**

At the cross her station keeping stood the mournful Mother weeping, close to Jesus to the last; through her heart, his sorrow sharing, all his bitter anguish bearing, now at length the sword had passed.

Oh, how sad and sore distressed was that Mother highly blessed of the sole-begotten One.

Christ above in torments hangs; she beneath beholds the pangs of her dying glorious Son.

Is there one who would not weep, whelmed in miseries so deep, Christ's dear Mother to behold?

Can the human heart refrain from partaking in her pain, in that Mother's pain untold?

Bruised, derided, cursed, defiled she beheld her tender child all with bloody scourges rent; for the sins of his own nation saw him hang in desolation, till his spirit forth he sent.

O you Mother, fount of love! Touch my spirit from above, make my heart with yours accord: make me feel as you have felt; make my soul to glow and melt with the love of Christ our Lord.

Holy Mother, pierce me through; in my heart each wound renew of my Saviour crucified: let me share with you his pain who for all my sins was slain, who for me in torments died.

Let me mingle tears with you, mourning him who mourned for me all the days that I may live: by the cross with you to stay, there with you to weep and pray, is all I ask of you to give.

Virgin of all virgins best, listen to my fond request: let me share your grief divine; let me, to my latest breath, in my body bear the death of that dying Son of yours.

Wounded with his every wound, steep my soul till it has swooned in his very blood away; be to me, O Virgin, nigh, lest in flames I burn and die in his awful judgement day.

Christ, when you shall call me hence, be your Mother my defence, be your cross my victory.

While my body here decays, may my soul your goodness praise, safe in paradise with you.

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are you, O blessed Virgin Mary; without dying you won the martyr's crown beside the cross of the Lord. Alleluia!

## Gospel: John 19:25-27

*How that loving mother was pierced with grief and anguish when she saw the sufferings of her son.*

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. Seeing his mother and the disciple he loved standing near her, Jesus said to his mother, 'Woman, this is your son.' Then to the disciple he said, 'This is your mother.' And from that moment the disciple made a place for her in his home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Communion Antiphon

Rejoice when you share in the sufferings of Christ,  
that you may also rejoice exultantly when his glory  
is revealed.

# Saints Cornelius and Cyprian (M) - 9/16/2017 - Year A

## Entrance Antiphon

The souls of the Saints are rejoicing in heaven, the Saints who followed the footsteps of Christ, and since for love of him they shed their blood, they now exult with Christ for ever.

## First Reading: 1 Timothy 1:15-17

*He came into the world to save sinners.*

Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm: Ps 112:1-7

**R.** Blessed be the name of the Lord for ever.

or

**R.** Alleluia!

Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore! **R.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting praised be the name of the Lord! High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory. **R.**

Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth? From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dungheap he raises the poor. **R.**

## Gospel Acclamation: John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. Alleluia!

## Gospel: Luke 6:43-49

*Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord' and not do what I say?*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit; people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flows out of what fills his heart.

'Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord' and not do what I say?'

'Everyone who comes to me and listens to my words and acts on them - I will show you what he is like. He is like the man who when he built his house dug, and dug deep, and laid the foundations on rock; when the river was in flood it bore down on that house but could not shake it, it was so well built. But the one who listens and does nothing is like the man who built his house on soil, with no foundations: as soon as the river bore down on it, it collapsed; and what a ruin that house became!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Communion Antiphon

It is you who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer a kingdom on you, says the Lord, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom.