

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

*God, come to my help. Lord, quickly give me assistance. You are the one who helps me and sets me free: Lord, do not be long in coming.*

**OPENING PRAYER**

Father of everlasting goodness,  
our origin and guide,  
be close to us  
and hear the prayers of all who praise you.  
Forgive our sins and restore us to life.  
Keep us safe in your love.  
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

*Amen.*

**FIRST READING** (Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23)

*A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes*

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!  
For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

This is the word of the Lord.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Psalm 89

**RESPONSE: *O Lord, you have been our refuge  
from one generation to the next.***

1. You turn men back into dust  
and say: "Go back, sons of men."  
To your eyes a thousand years  
are like yesterday, come and gone,  
no more than a watch in the night. **(R.)**

2. You sweep men away like a dream,  
like grass which springs up in the morning.  
In the morning it springs up and flowers:  
by evening it withers and fades. **(R.)**

3. Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?  
Show pity to your servants. **(R.)**

4. In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands. **(R.)**

### **SECOND READING** (Colossians 3:1-5. 9-11)

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians*

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; 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Your word is truth, O Lord,  
consecrate us in the truth.*

*Alleluia!*

## **GOSPEL** (Luke 12:13-21)

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, “Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.” “My friend,” he replied, “who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?” Then he said to them, “Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man’s life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.”

Then he told them a parable: “There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, ‘What

am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops.’ Then he said, ‘This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time.’ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?’ So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

### **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Merciful Lord,  
make holy these gifts,  
and let our spiritual sacrifice  
make us an everlasting gift to you.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

*Amen.*

### **PREFACE OF SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME I**

*(or at priest's choice)*

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,  
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through his cross and resurrection  
he freed us from sin and death  
and called us to the glory that has made us  
a chosen race, a royal priesthood,  
a holy nation, a people set apart.

Everywhere we proclaim your mighty works  
for you have called us out of darkness  
into your own wonderful light.

And so, with all the choirs of angels in heaven  
we proclaim your glory  
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

*Holy, holy, holy...*

## **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

*You gave us bread from heaven, Lord: a sweet-tasting bread  
that was very good to eat.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Lord,  
you give us the strength of new life  
by the gift of the eucharist.  
Protect us with your love  
and prepare us for eternal redemption.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

### **THE REDEMPTORIST MASS LEAFLET**

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