

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; 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.

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PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who in the offerings presented here provide for the twofold needs of human nature, nourishing us with food and renewing us with your Sacrament, grant, we pray, that the sustenance they provide may not fail us in body or in spirit. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Psalm 26:4*

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

or John 17:11

Holy Father, keep in your name those you have given me, that they may be one as we are one, says the Lord.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As this reception of your Holy Communion, O Lord, foreshadows the union of the faithful in you, so may it bring about unity in your Church. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *cf Psalm 27:8-9*

The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

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COLLECT

Grant, O Lord,
that we may always revere and love your holy name,
for you never deprive of your guidance
those you set firm on the foundation of your love.
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 *Jeremiah 20:10–13*

*He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands
of evil men.*

Jeremiah said:

I hear so many disparaging me, “‘Terror
from every side!’ Denounce him! Let us
denounce him!’ All those who used to
be my friends watched for my downfall,
‘Perhaps he will be seduced into error.
Then we will master him and take our
revenge!’ But the Lord is at my side,
a mighty hero; my opponents will

stumble, mastered, confounded by
their failure; everlasting, unforgettable
disgrace will be theirs. But you, Lord of
Hosts, you who probe with justice, who
scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see
the vengeance you will take on them,
for I have committed my cause to you.
Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he
has delivered the soul of the needy from
the hands of evil men.’

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalms 68:8–10, 14, 17, 33–35 response v 14*

In your great love, answer me, O God.

- 1 It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my own mother’s sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me.
- 2 This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me.
- 3 The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures.

SECOND READING *Romans 5:12–15*

The gift considerably outweighed the fall.

Sin entered the world through one man,
and through sin death, and thus death
has spread through the whole human
race because everyone has sinned. Sin
existed in the world long before the
Law was given. There was no law and
so no one could be accused of the sin
of ‘law-breaking’, yet death reigned over
all from Adam to Moses, even though

their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a
matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but
the gift itself considerably outweighed
the fall. If it is certain that through
one man’s fall so many died, it is even
more certain that divine grace, coming
through the one man, Jesus Christ, came
to so many as an abundant free gift.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *John 1:14, 12*

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The Word was made flesh and lived among us;
to all who did accept him
he gave power to become children of God.
Alleluia!**

OR *John 15:26, 27*

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The Spirit of truth will be my witness;
and you too will be my witnesses.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL *Matthew 10:26–33*

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows:
‘Do not be afraid. For everything that
is now covered will be uncovered, and
everything now hidden will be made
clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in
the daylight; what you hear in whispers,
proclaim from the housetops.

‘Do not be afraid of those who kill
the body but cannot kill the soul; fear
him rather who can destroy both body
and soul in hell. Can you not buy two
sparrows for a penny? And yet not one
falls to the ground without your Father

knowing. Why, every hair on your head
has been counted. So there is no need
to be afraid; you are worth more than
hundreds of sparrows.

‘So if anyone declares himself for me in
the presence of men, I will declare myself
for him in the presence of my Father in
heaven. But the one who disowns me
in the presence of men, I will disown in
the presence of my Father in heaven.’

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive, O Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation and praise
and grant that, cleansed by its action,
we may make offering of a heart pleasing to you.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Psalm 144:15*

The eyes of all look to you, Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.

OR John 10:11, 15

I am the Good Shepherd,
and I lay down my life for my sheep, says the Lord.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Renewed and nourished
by the Sacred Body and Precious Blood of your Son,
we ask of your mercy, O Lord,
that what we celebrate with constant devotion
may be our sure pledge of redemption.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** *Psalm 46:2*

All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

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COLLECT

O God, who through the grace of adoption
chose us to be children of light,
grant, we pray,
that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error
but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth.
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 4:8–11, 14–16*

This is a holy man of God; let him rest there.

One day as Elisha was on his way to
Shunem, a woman of rank who lived
there pressed him to stay and eat there.
After this he always broke his journey

for a meal when he passed that way. She
said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the
man who is constantly passing our way
must be a holy man of God. Let us build
him a small room on the roof, and put
him a bed in it, and a table and chair