



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *cf Esther 4:17*

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.

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COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
who in the abundance of your kindness
surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you,
pour out your mercy upon us
to pardon what conscience dreads
and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.
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 *Isaiah 5:1–7*

The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel.

Let me sing to my friend the song of his
love for his vineyard. My friend had a
vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the
soil, cleared it of stones, and planted
choice vines in it. In the middle he
built a tower, he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes, but sour
grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and
men of Judah, I ask you to judge between
my vineyard and me. What could I have
done for my vineyard that I have not
done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why
did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you what I am going
to do to my vineyard: I will take away its
hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock
down its wall for it to be trampled on.
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;
overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I
will command the clouds to rain no rain
on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of
hosts is the House of Israel, and the men
of Judah that chosen plant. He expected
justice, but found bloodshed, integrity,
but only a cry of distress.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 79:9, 12–16, 19–20 response Isaiah 5:7*

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

- 1 You brought a vine out of Egypt,
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.

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The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

- 2 Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field.
- 2 God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted.
- 4 And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING *Philippians 4:6-9*

The God of peace will be with you.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true,

everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *John 15:15*

Alleluia, alleluia!
I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

Or cf John 15:16

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

GOSPEL *Matthew 21:33-43*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

He will lease the vineyard to other tenants.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him

and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?'

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, we pray,
the sacrifices instituted by your commands
and, through the sacred mysteries,
which we celebrate with dutiful service,
graciously complete the sanctifying work
by which you are pleased to redeem us.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Lamentations 3:25*

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.

Or cf 1 Corinthians 10:17

Though many, we are one bread, one body,
for we all partake of the one Bread and one Chalice.

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