

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart. 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.

FIRST READING 53:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering.

If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life

and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.

His soul's anguish over

he shall see the light and be content.

By his sufferings shall my servant justify many,

taking their faults on himself.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 32

Response: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R.)

2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,

on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.

The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R)

SECOND READING 4:14-16

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;

no one can come to the Father except through me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL 10:35-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory'. 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can'. Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted'.

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant us, Lord, we pray, a sincere respect for your gifts, that, through the purifying action of your grace, we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve, Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things, we may be helped by what you give in this present age and prepared for the gifts that are eternal. Through Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL REFLECTION



Who is the church? What is the mission of the church?

Who within the church is charged with actively working to make this mission a reality?

How do you fit into the church's mission? Is the mission of the church also an individual mission for each of us?

What is your sign to the world that you accept the church's mission? How is that sign lived out in day-to-day life? How do you renew the meaning of that sign in your daily lives?

How do you share in Jesus' baptism, ministry, death, and resurrection in everyday life? If you fully immerse yourself in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection what will your life be like?

What does Jesus say about taking pride in your ministry? What kind of ministry should you participate in, and why?

What does it mean to be humble? Can someone in a leadership position be humble and still be a good leader? Does being humble bring a sense of being weak into today's society?

GOSPEL ACTION

Take stock this week of all the activities in which you are involved. List those which are an aid to your Christianity and those that may harm your Christianity. Are your priorities in order?

Readings – 30th Sunday Year B

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52