

# Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus

## FIRST READING

1 John 4:7-16

A reading from the First Letter of Saint John

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Saviour of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

*The word of the Lord.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11, (R. 2a)

**Ṛ.** I will bless the Lord at all times.

I will bless the Lord at all times;  
praise of him is always in my mouth.  
In the Lord my soul shall make its boast;  
the humble shall hear and be glad. **Ṛ.**

Glorify the Lord with me;  
together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord, and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free. **Ṛ.**

Look toward him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This lowly one called; the Lord heard,  
and rescued him from all his distress. **Ṛ.**

The angel of the Lord is encamped  
around those who fear him, to rescue them.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good.  
Blessed the man who seeks refuge in him. *℟.*

Fear the Lord, you his holy ones.  
They lack nothing, those who fear him.  
The rich suffer want and go hungry,  
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing. *℟.*

## ALLELUIA

John 8:12

Alleluia. Alleluia.  
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will have the light of life.  
Alleluia.

## GOSPEL

Luke 10:38-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

At that time: Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her".

*The Gospel of the Lord.*