

Divine Worship

INTROIT *Laetare Jerusalem* [Isaiah 66: 10, 11; Psalm 122: 1]
Rejoice ye with Jerusalem; and be glad for her, all ye that delight in her: exult and sing for joy with her, all ye that in sadness mourn for her; that ye may suck, and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations. Ps. I was glad when they said unto me: we will go into the house of the Lord.

COLLECT Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God: that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace, may mercifully be relieved; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

APPOINTED PSALM *Psalm 137:1-6 Super flumina*

BY the waters of Babylon we sat | down and | wept, * when we re- |
mem- bered | thee, O | Zion.
2 As for our harps, we | hanged them | up * upon the | trees that | are
there- | in.
3 For they that led us away captive, required of us then a song, and
melody | in our | heaviness: * Sing us | one · of the | songs of | Zion.
4 How shall we sing the | Lord's_ | song * in | a_ | strange_ | land?
5 If I forget thee, | O Je- | rusalem, * let my right | hand for- | get her |
cunning.
6 If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the | roof · of my
| mouth; * yea, if I prefer not Jerusalem a- | bove my | chief_ | joy.

TRACT *Qui confidunt* [Psalm 125: 1, 2]

They that put their trust in the Lord shall be even as the mount Sion:
which may not be removed, but standeth fast forever.
℣. The hills stand about Jerusalem: even so standeth the Lord round
about his people, from this time forth for evermore.

OFFERTORY *Laudate Dominum* [Psalm 135: 3, 6]

O praise the Lord, for the Lord is gracious; O sing praises unto his
Name, for it is lovely: whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did he in
heaven and in earth.

COMMUNION *Jerusalem quae aedificatur* [Psalm 122: 3, 4]

Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity in itself: for thither the
tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord, to give thanks unto the name
of the Lord.

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FIRST READING *2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23*

In those days, all the leading priests and the people likewise were exceedingly unfaithful, following all the abominations of the nations; and they polluted the house of the LORD which he had hallowed in Jerusalem. The LORD, the God of their fathers, sent persistently to them by his messengers, because he had compassion on his people and on his dwelling place; but they kept mocking the messengers of God, despising his words, and scoffing at his prophets, till the wrath of the LORD rose against his people, till there was no remedy. And they burned the house of God, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem, and burned all its palaces with fire, and destroyed all its precious vessels. He took into exile in Babylon those who had escaped from the sword, and they became servants to him and to his sons until the establishment of the kingdom of Persia, to fulfil the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed its sabbaths. All the days that it lay desolate it kept sabbath, to fulfil seventy years. Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and also put it in writing: "Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, 'The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever is among you of all his people, may the LORD his God be with him. Let him go up.'"

SECOND READING *Ephesians 2: 4-10*

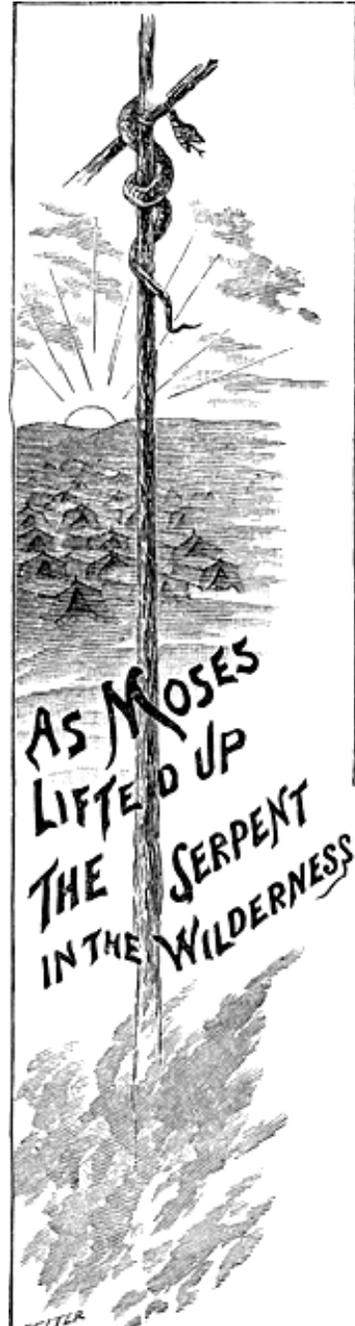
Brethren: God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up

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with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God --not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

GOSPEL *John 3:14-21*

At that time, Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. He who believes in him is not condemned; he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does what is true comes to the light, that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been wrought in God.



Roman Missal

INTROIT Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast. *V.* I rejoiced because they said to me, "We will go up to the house of the Lord." And now we have set foot within your gates, O Jerusalem.

COLLECT O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 137:1-6*

**℟̕ Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth
if I do not remember you.**

By the waters of Babylon,
there we sat down and wept, when we remembered Zion.
On the willows there we hung up our lyres. **℟̕**

For there our captors required of us songs, and our tormentors, mirth,
saying, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!" **℟̕**

How shall we sing the LORD's song in a foreign land?
If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! **℟̕**

Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth,
if I do not remember you,
if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy! **℟̕**

VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL

℟̕. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

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OFFERTORY Praise the Lord, for he is good; sing praise to his name, for he is sweet; all that he wills he does in heaven and on earth.

V. Who stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God. For I know that the Lord is great; our Lord is greater than all gods.

COMMUNION VERSE Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.