

## Divine Worship

**INTROIT** *Misericordia Domini* [Psalm 33: 5, 6, 1]

The loving-kindness of the Lord filleth the whole world, alleluia: by the word of the Lord were the heavens stablished. Alleluia. Alleluia. Ps. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for it becometh well the just to be thankful.

**COLLECT** Almighty God, who showest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness: grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion; that they may forsake those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through the same 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 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29 Confitemini Domino*

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for | he is | gracious; \* because his | mercy · en- | dureth · for | ever.

8 It is better to trust | in the | Lord, \* than to put any | con-fi | dence in | man.

9 It is better to trust | in the | Lord, \* than to put any | con-fi | dence in | princes.

21 I will thank thee; for thou hast | heard\_ | me, \* and art become | my sal - | va- | tion.

22 The same stone which the builders re- | fus- | ed, \* is become the | head-stone | in the | corner.

23 This is the | Lord's\_ | doing, \* and it is | marvel- | lous | in our | eyes.

26 Blessed be he that cometh in the Name | of the | Lord: \* we have wished you good luck, we that are of the | house\_ | of the | Lord.

28 Thou art my God, and I will | thank\_ | thee; \* thou art my God, and | I will | praise\_ | thee.

29 O give thanks unto the Lord; for | he is | gracious, \* and his | mercy · en- | dureth · for | ever.

**ALLELUIA** *Ego sum pastor bonus* [John 10: 14]

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the good Shepherd: and I know my sheep, and am known of mine. Alleluia.

**OFFERTORY** *Deus, Deus meus* [Psalm 63: 1, 5b]

O God, thou art my God, early will I seek thee: and lift up my hands in thy Name. Alleluia.

**COMMUNION** *Ego sum pastor bonus* [John 10: 14]

I am the good Shepherd, alleluia: and know my sheep, and am known of mine. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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**FIRST READING** *Acts 4: 8-12*

In those days, Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a cripple, by what means this man has been healed, be it known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by him this man is standing before you well. This is the stone which was rejected by you builders, but which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

**SECOND READING** *1John3:1-2*

Beloved: See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; it does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

**GOSPEL** *John 10: 11-18*

At that time, Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hireling and not a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hireling and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep, that are not of this fold; I

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must bring them also, and they will heed my voice. So there shall be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life, that I may take it again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again; this charge I have received from my Father.”



## Roman Missal

**INTROIT** The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heav'ns were made, alleluia. *℣.* Exult, you just, in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting. Give thanks to the Lord on the harp; with the ten-stringed lyre chant his praises.

**COLLECT** Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** *Psalm 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29*

**℟̥ The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.**

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures for ever!

It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in man.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in princes. **℟̥**

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. **℟̥**

Blessed be he who enters in the name of the Lord!

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

you are my God, I will extol you.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

for his mercy endures for ever! **℟̥**

**VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL**

**℟̥.** Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep and mine know me.

**℟̥.** Alleluia, alleluia.

**OFFERTORY** O God, my God, to you do I watch at break of day, and in your name I will lift up my hands, alleluia, alleluia. *℣.* For you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts to see your pow'r and your glory. You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.

**COMMUNION VERSE** The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.