

## Divine Worship

**INTROIT** *Vocem iucunditatis* [Isaiah 48: 20; Psalm 66 : 1]

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, alleluia; utter it even unto the ends of the earth: the Lord hath delivered his people. Alleluia. Alleluia. Ps. O be joyful in God, all ye lands: sing praises unto the honour of his Name; make his praise to be glorious.

**COLLECT** O Lord, from whom all good things do come: grant to us thy humble servants; that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; 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 98:1-5 Cantate Domino.*

O SING unto the Lord a | new\_ | song; \* for he | hath done | marvelous | things.

2 With his own right hand, and with his | holy | arm, \* hath he gotten him- | self the | vic-to- | ry.

3 The Lord declared | his sal- | vation; \* his righteousness hath he openly showed | in the | sight - of the | heathen.

4 He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of | Is- ra- | el; \* and all the ends of the world have seen the sal- | va- tion | of our | God.

5 Show yourselves joyful unto the Lord, | all ye | lands; \* sing, re- | jice, and | give\_ | thanks.

**ALLELUIA** *Surrexit Christus*

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen and hath showed his light to us: whom he hath redeemed with his most precious Blood. Alleluia.

*Exivi a Patre* [John 16: 28]

I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again I leave the world, and go to the Father. Alleluia.

**OFFERTORY** *Benedicite gentes* [Psalm 66: 7, 8, 18]

O praise our God, ye peoples, and make the voice of his praise to be heard; who holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to slip: praised be God, who hath not cast out my prayer, nor turned his mercy from me. Alleluia.

**COMMUNION** *Ego vos elegi* [John 15: 16]

I have chosen you out of the world, alleluia: that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain. Alleluia.

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**FIRST READING** *Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48*

When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped him. But Peter lifted him up, saying, "Stand up; I too am a man." And Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I perceive that God shows no partiality, but in every nation any one who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him." While Peter was still saying this, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who came with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. For they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, "Can any one forbid water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

**SECOND READING** *1 John 4: 7-10*

Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and he who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God; for 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 loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins.

**GOSPEL** *John 15: 9-17*

At that time, Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have

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loved you. Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide; so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. This I command you, to love one another.”

**ROGATION DAYS:** *The Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday preceding Ascension Thursday are Rogation Days—days set aside to pray for protection from calamities and for a bountiful harvest. There are many traditions attached to the observance of Rogation Days, including fasting, mass attendance, and praying the Litany of the Saints. Please join in asking God’s mercy and assistance, that we may be wise stewards of His creation.*

*For fruitful seasons*

Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth: We humbly pray that thy gracious providence may give and preserve to our use the harvests of the land and of the seas, and may prosper all who labor to gather them, that we, who constantly receive good things from thy hand, may always give thee thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*For commerce and industry*

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ in his earthly life shared our toil and hallowed our labor: Be present with thy people where they work; make those who carry on the industries and commerce of this land responsive to thy will; and give to us all a pride in what we do, and a just return for our labor; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*For stewardship of creation*

O merciful Creator, whose hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us, we beseech thee, ever thankful for thy loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of thy bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Roman Missal**

**INTROIT** Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia. *℟̕.* Shout joyfully to God, all the earth, sing praise to the glory of his name; proclaim his glorious praise. Say to God, “How tremendous are your deeds.”

**COLLECT** Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honor of the risen Lord, and that what we relieve in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. 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.**

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** *Psalm 98:1-4*

*℟̕.* **The Lord has revealed his victory in the sight of the nations.**

O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory. *℟̕.*

The LORD has made known his victory,

he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness

to the house of Israel. *℟̕.*

All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

break forth into joyous song and sing praises! *℟̕.*

### **VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL**

*℟̕.* Alleluia, alleluia.

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

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**OFFERTORY** Bless the Lord our God, you peoples, loudly sound his praise; he has given life to my soul. And has not let my feet slip. Blessed be the Lord, who refused me not my prayer or his kindness, alleluia, alleluia. *℟̕.* Shout joyfully to God, all you on earth, sing praise to the glory of his name; proclaim his glorious praise.

**COMMUNION VERSE** If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.