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## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.  
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.  
Nor let my enemies exult over me;  
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

## ENTRANCE

**Creator of the Stars of Night    CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM**

1. Creator of the stars of nights,  
Your people's everlasting light,  
O Christ Redeemer of us all,  
We pray you hear us when we call.
2. In sorrow that the ancient curse  
Should doom you death a universe,  
You came, O Savior, to set free  
Your own in glorious liberty.
3. When this old world are on toward night,  
You came; but not in splendor bright,  
Not as a monarch, but the child  
Of Mary, blameless mother mild.
4. At your great Name, O Jesus, now  
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow:  
All things on earth with one accord,  
Like those in heav'n shall call you Lord.
5. Come in your holy might, we pray,  
Redeem us for eternal day;  
Defend us while we dwell below  
From all assaults of our dread foe.

## FIRST READING

### Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are coming, says the LORD,  
when I will fulfill the promise  
I made to the house of Israel and Judah.  
In those days, in that time,  
I will raise up for David a just shoot ;  
he shall do what is right and just in the land.  
In those days Judah shall be safe  
and Jerusalem shall dwell secure;  
this is what they shall call her:  
“The LORD our justice.”

The word of the Lord.   **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

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1. Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths,  
Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior,  
and for you I wait all the day.
2. Good and upright is the Lord; thus he shows sinners the way.  
He guides the humble to justice, and teaches the humble his way.
3. All the paths of the Lord are kindness and constancy  
Toward those who keep his covenant and his decrees.  
The friendship of the Lord is with those who fear him,  
and his covenant, for their instruction.

## SECOND READING

### 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Brothers and sisters:

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love  
for one another and for all,  
just as we have for you,  
so as to strengthen your hearts,  
to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father  
at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen.

Finally, brothers and sisters,  
we earnestly ask and exhort you in the Lord Jesus that,  
as you received from us  
how you should conduct yourselves to please God  
and as you are conducting yourselves  
you do so even more.  
For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Show us, Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.

## GOSPEL

### Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples:

“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars,  
and on earth nations will be in dismay,  
perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves.  
People will die of fright  
in anticipation of what is coming upon the world,  
for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.  
And then they will see the Son of Man  
coming in a cloud with power and great glory.  
But when these signs begin to happen,  
stand erect and raise your heads  
because your redemption is at hand.

“Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy  
from carousing and drunkenness  
and the anxieties of daily life,  
and that day catch you by surprise like a trap.  
For that day will assault everyone  
who lives on the face of the earth.  
Be vigilant at all times  
and pray that you have the strength  
to escape the tribulations that are imminent  
and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord will bestow his bounty,  
and our earth shall yield its increase.

## OFFERTORY HYMN

**There Is a Longing Anne Quigley**

### Refrain

There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord,  
for you to reveal yourself to us.  
There is a longing in our hearts  
for love we only find in you, our God.

1. For justice, for freedom,  
for mercy: hear our prayer.  
In sorrow, in grief:  
be near, hear our prayer, O God.

2. For wisdom, for courage,  
for comfort: hear our prayer.  
In weakness, in fear:  
be near, hear our prayer, O God.

3. For healing, for wholeness,  
for new life: hear our prayer.  
In sickness, in death:  
be near, hear our prayer, O God.

## COMMUNION

**Bread of Life Bernadette Farrell**

### Refrain

Bread of life, hope of the world,  
Jesus Christ, our brother:  
feed us now, give us life,  
lead us to one another.

1. Be with your people, Lord, send us your saving Word:  
Jesus Christ, light of gladness, come among us now.

2. Bring to our world of fear the truth we long to hear:  
Jesus Christ, hope of ages, come to save us now.

3. We eat this living bread, we drink this saving cup:  
sign of hope in our broken world, source of lasting love.

4. Hold us in unity, in love for all to see;  
that the world may believe in you, God of all who live.

5. You are the bread of peace, you are the wine of joy,  
broken now for your people, poured in endless love.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

**In the Day of the Lord M.D. Ridge**

### Refrain

In the day of the Lord, the sun will shine  
like the dawn of eternal day.  
All creation will rise to dance and sing  
the glory of the Lord!

1. And on that day will justice triumph,  
on that day will all be free:  
free from want, free from fear, free to live!

2. Then shall the nations throng together  
to the mountain of the Lord:  
they shall walk in the light of the Lord!

3. And they shall beat their swords to plowshares;  
there will be an end to war:  
one in peace, one in love, one in God!

4. For Israel shall be delivered,  
and the desert lands will bloom.  
Say to all, "Do not fear. Here is your God!"

### **To you, O blessed Joseph (Ad te, beate Ioseph)**

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven.

**Amen**

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