

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 16.5+8, 9-10, 11 (R.1)

R. Keep me safe, O God;
you are my hope.

- 5 The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.
- 8 I keep the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. R.
- 9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.
- 10 For you do not give me up to Sheol,
or let your faithful one see the Pit. R.
- 11 You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures
forevermore. R.

A prayer follows the psalm before the next reading is proclaimed.

THIRD READING

Exodus 14.15 - 31; 15.20, 1++

Tell the Israelites to go forward, to go into the sea on dry ground.

A reading from the book of Exodus.

- 15 The Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me?
Tell the Israelites to go forward.
- 16 But you, lift up your staff,
and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it,
that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground.
- 17 Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians
so that they will go in after them;
and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army,
his chariots, and his chariot drivers.
- 18 And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord,
when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh,
his chariots, and his chariot drivers."
- 19 The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army
moved and went behind them;
and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them
and took its place behind them.
- 20 It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel.
And so the cloud was there with the darkness,
and it lit up the night;
one did not come near the other all night.

21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea.
 The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night,
 and turned the sea into dry land;
 and the waters were divided.

22 The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground,
 the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

23 The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them,
 all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers.

24 At the morning watch,
 the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud
 looked down upon the Egyptian army,
 and threw the Egyptian army into panic.

25 He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty.
 The Egyptians said,
 "Let us flee from the Israelites,
 for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

26 Then the Lord said to Moses,
 "Stretch out your hand over the sea,
 so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians,
 upon their chariots and chariot drivers."

27 So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea,
 and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth.
 As the Egyptians fled before it,
 the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea.

28 The waters returned
 and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers,
 the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea;
 not one of them remained.

29 But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea,
 the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

30 Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians;
 and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.

31 Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians.
 So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord
 and in his servant Moses.

20 The prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister,
 took a tambourine in her hand;
 and all the women went out after her with tambourines
 and with dancing.

1 Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord:
 The canticle is sung immediately after the reading. The usual conclusion to the reading, "The word
 of the Lord," is omitted.

RESPONSORIAL CANTICLE

Exodus 15.1-2, 3-5, 6-7, 17-18 (R.1)

R. Let us sing to the Lord;
he has covered himself in glory.

- 1 I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.
- 2 The Lord is my strength and my might,
and he has become my salvation;
this is my God, and I will praise him,
my father's God, and I will exalt him. R.
- 3 The Lord is a warrior;
the Lord is his name.
- 4 Pharaoh's chariots and his army he cast into the sea;
his picked officers were sunk in the Red Sea.
- 5 The floods covered them;
they went down into the depths like a stone. R.
- 6 Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power;
your right hand, O Lord, shattered the enemy.
- 7 In the greatness of your majesty
you overthrew your adversaries;
you sent out your fury,
it consumed them like stubble. R.
- 17 You brought your people in
and planted them
on the mountain of your own possession,
the place, O Lord, that you made your abode,
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hands have established.
- 18 The Lord will reign forever and ever. R.

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FOURTH READING

Isaiah 54.5-14

With everlasting love I will have compassion on you,
says the Lord, your Redeemer.

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts.

- 5 Your Maker is your husband,
the Lord of hosts is his name;
the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer,
the God of the whole earth he is called.
- 6 For the Lord has called you
like a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit,
like the wife of a man's youth when she is cast off,
says your God.

- 4 Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.
5 For his anger is but for a moment;
his favour is for a lifetime.
Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning. **R.**
10 Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!
O Lord, be my helper!
11 You have turned my mourning into dancing.
12 O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever. **R.**

A prayer follows the psalm before the next reading is proclaimed.

FIFTH READING

Isaiah 55.1-11

Come to me, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant.

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

- 1 Everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
3 Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
4 See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
5 See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.
6 Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
7 let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
10 For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

RESPONSORIAL CANTICLE

Isaiah 12.2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (R.3)

R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

2 Surely God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid,
for the Lord God is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.
3 With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation. R.
4 Give thanks to the Lord,
call on his name;
make known his deeds among the nations;
proclaim that his name is exalted. R.
5 Sing praises to the Lord,
for he has done gloriously;
let this be known in all the earth.
6 Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,
for great in your midst
is the Holy One of Israel. R.

A prayer follows the psalm before the next reading is proclaimed.

SEVENTH READING

Ezekiel 36.16-17a, 18-28

I will sprinkle clean water upon you,
and a new heart I will give you.

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

- 16 The word of the Lord came to me:
17 Mortal, when the house of Israel lived on their own soil,
they defiled it with their ways and their deeds;
their conduct in my sight was unclean.
18 So I poured out my wrath upon them
for the blood that they had shed upon the land,
and for the idols with which they had defiled it.
19 I scattered them among the nations,
and they were dispersed through the countries;
in accordance with their conduct and their deeds I judged them.
20 But when they came to the nations,
wherever they came, they profaned my holy name,
in that it was said of them,
“These are the people of the Lord,
and yet they had to go out of his land.”
21 But I had concern for my holy name,
which the house of Israel had profaned
among the nations to which they came.
22 Therefore say to the house of Israel,
Thus says the Lord God:
It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act,
but for the sake of my holy name,
which you have profaned among the nations to which you came.
23 I will sanctify my great name,
which has been profaned among the nations,
and which you have profaned among them;
and the nations shall know that I am the Lord,
says the Lord God,
when through you I display my holiness before their eyes.
24 I will take you from the nations,
and gather you from all the countries,
and bring you into your own land.
25 I will sprinkle clean water upon you,
and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness,
and from all your idols I will cleanse you.

- 26 A new heart I will give you,
and a new spirit I will put within you;
and I will remove from your body the heart of stone
and give you a heart of flesh.
- 27 I will put my spirit within you,
and make you follow my statutes
and be careful to observe my ordinances.
- 28 Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors;
and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 42.2, 4bcd; 43.3, 4 (R. 42.1)

- R. Like a deer that longs for running streams,
my soul longs for you, my God.
- 2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When shall I come and behold the face of God? R.
- 4 I went with the throng,
and led them in procession to the house of God,
with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving,
a multitude keeping festival. R.
- 3 O send out your light and your truth;
let them lead me;
let them bring me to your holy mountain
and to your dwelling. R.
- 4 Then I will go to the altar of God,
to God my exceeding joy;
and I will praise you with the harp,
O God, my God. R.

A prayer follows the psalm before the next reading is proclaimed.

or Isaiah 12.2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (the response to the Fifth Reading) may be used when baptism is celebrated, if it was not used previously; or Psalm 51 may be used.

or:

Psalm 51.10-11, 12-13, 16-17 (R.10)

- R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.
- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and steadfast spirit within me.
- 11 Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me. R.

12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.
13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you. **R.**
16 For you have no delight in sacrifice;
if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.
17 The sacrifice acceptable to God
is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God,
you will not despise. **R.**

A prayer follows the psalm, as well as, the "Glory to God" and the opening prayer before the Epistle is proclaimed.

EPISTLE

Romans 6.3-11

Christ, raised from the dead, will never die again.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

3 Do you not know
that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus
were baptized into his death?
4 Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death,
so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead
by the glory of the Father,
so we too might walk in newness of life.
5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his,
we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.
6 We know that our old self was crucified with him
so that the body of sin might be destroyed,
and we might no longer be enslaved to sin.
7 For whoever has died is freed from sin.
8 But if we have died with Christ,
we believe that we will also live with him.
9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead,
will never die again;
death no longer has dominion over him.
10 The death he died, he died to sin, once for all;
but the life he lives, he lives to God.
11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin
and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – SOLEMN ALLELUIA

Psalm 118.1-2, 16-17, 22-23

R. Alleluia! (Two or three times)

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever.
- 2 Let Israel say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.” R.
- 16 “The right hand of the Lord is exalted;
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.”
- 17 I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord. R.
- 22 The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord’s doing;
it is marvellous in our eyes. R.

GOSPEL YEAR A

Matthew 28.1-10

Jesus has been raised from the dead, and he is going ahead of you to Galilee.

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

- 1 After the sabbath,
as the first day of the week was dawning,
Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.
- 2 And suddenly there was a great earthquake;
for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven,
came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.
- 3 His appearance was like lightning,
and his clothing white as snow.
- 4 For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men.
- 5 But the angel said to the women,
“Do not be afraid;
I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified.
- 6 He is not here;
for he has been raised, as he said.
Come, see the place where he lay.
- 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples,
‘He has been raised from the dead,
and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee;
there you will see him.’
This is my message for you.”
- 8 So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy,
and ran to tell his disciples.



9 Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!"
And they came to him,
took hold of his feet, and worshipped him.
10 Then Jesus said to them,
"Do not be afraid;
go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee;
there they will see me."

The gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL YEAR B

Mark 16.1-8

Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified; he has been raised up.

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark.

1 When the sabbath was over,
Mary Magdalene, and Mary the Mother of James,
and Salome bought spices,
so that they might go and anoint Jesus.
2 And very early on the first day of the week,
when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb.
3 They had been saying to one another,
"Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?"
4 When they looked up,
they saw that the stone, which was very large,
had already been rolled back.
5 As they entered the tomb,
they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe,
sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.
6 But he said to them,
"Do not be alarmed;
you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified.
He has been raised; he is not here.
Look, there is the place they laid him.
7 "But go, tell his disciples and Peter
that he is going ahead of you to Galilee;
there you will see him, just as he told you."
8 So they went out and fled from the tomb,
for terror and amazement had seized them;
and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The gospel of the Lord.