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Year B



Ask Jesus to help you listen carefully to his words today.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

We say these words or sing a hymn as the priest approaches the altar.

COLLECT

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good...

We ask for God's help. Listen now to the priest as he offers this prayer.



FIRST READING DANIEL 12:1-3

Belief in God doesn't mean an easy life. The prophet Daniel knows that there will be hard times ahead but he also gives us hope that everything will work out well in the end. God has sent the angel Michael to help and guard us. Good people, who have tried to do what is right will "shine brightly". God is fair and just. God will make sure that the people who have lived well, trying to follow God's ways, will be rewarded.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. The prophet Daniel tells how God will save us all.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 15

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

The cantor or psalmist sings or says the psalm. Listen to the verses, and then respond by using these words.



SECOND READING HEBREWS 10:11-14, 18

We can try and try again to put everything right with God, but without Jesus it just can't be done. People used to try making sacrifices in the hope that God would forgive their sins. Although it is important that we do try to put things right with God, this letter is reminding us that Jesus has sorted everything out for us. All we need to do is to trust Jesus and let him be in charge of our lives.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. By sacrificing himself Jesus has put everything right for us with God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.
Alleluia!

We give a shout of praise to God, using these words taken from the Bible.



DO YOU KNOW?

Pope Francis asks us all to think about and pray for anyone in the world who is poor. Today is set aside as World Day of the Poor. Pope Francis knows that if we say we love God, we must give practical help and support to all the people in God's family, wherever they are.



THINK

Jesus calls himself the "Son of Man" in the Gospel. This title has different meanings, but here it links to the first reading from Daniel. The son of man will bring God's glory at the end of time by bringing about God's kingdom. We can all help to make God's kingdom real by living as God asks, loving others and treating people fairly.



GOSPEL MARK 13:24-32

The Good News about Jesus is told to us by St Mark.

No matter how difficult life gets, God will be with us. Jesus comforts us today with the reminder that his words will never pass away. He warns us to be ready for his coming, not because he wants us to be frightened, but because he wants us to

be confident that he loves us and is coming to be with us. The more we are alert and watching out for Jesus, the more aware we will be of his love in our lives. The buds on a fig tree tell us that summer is on the way and, just as certainly, Jesus is near.

STAND to LISTEN

to the priest or deacon as he prepares to read the Gospel.

Before he reads the Gospel, what does he do to his forehead, his lips and his heart? Can you copy him?



PRAY

"...but my words will not pass away."

Take a moment to be quiet and still. Close your eyes and enjoy sitting with Jesus. Know that Jesus is always with you, loving you. Listen to him.



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I am thinking about all the people in the world who are poor, people in my town and those in other countries. Help me to share my good fortune. Lord, hear my prayer.

Listen to the reader as he or she encourages us to pray for situations and people in need. Here is a prayer you could say privately.



OFFERTORY PROCESSION

As we take our gifts of bread, wine and money to the altar, think about a time this week when you were worried and then think about all the times you were confident and happy. Say a little prayer offering these thoughts up to God.

Watch as the gifts are made ready and the priest washes his hands and prepares for the Eucharistic Prayer.



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Today's special prayer thanks God for fulfilling all God's promises to us. What can you give special thanks for today?

We listen to the prayer of praise and thanks to God.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

As the priest extends his hands, we say the prayer that Jesus taught us.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

You are invited to sing a Communion song or say this verse, which has been especially chosen for today's celebration.



MY PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving Lord, thank you for always being with me. I know that you will never leave me, no matter what. Thank you. Amen.



ΙΧΘΥΣ

is the Greek word for "fish" and was used in the catacombs as a sign for early Christians. It is made up from the first letter of five Greek titles for the Lord:

- I (Jesus)
- X (Christos)
- Θ (Theou/God's)
- Υ (Uios/Son)
- Σ (Soter/Saviour)

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We take Jesus with us to carry on the work that he did on earth, until we meet again next Sunday.

Go in peace.

