

Entrance Antiphon:

Behold, the Lord will come, and all his holy ones with him; and on that day there will be a great light.

First Reading *a reading from the prophet Zephaniah. Zep 3:1-2.9-13*

Trouble is coming to the rebellious, the defiled, the tyrannical city! She would never listen to the call, would never learn the lesson; she has never trusted in the Lord, never drawn near to her God. Yes, I will then give the peoples lips that are clean, so that all may invoke the name of the Lord and serve him under the same yoke. From beyond the banks of the rivers of Ethiopia my suppliants will bring me offerings. When that day comes you need feel no shame for all the misdeeds you have committed against me, for I will remove your proud boasters from your midst; and you will cease to strut on my holy mountain. In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will see refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. Bu they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

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

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad.

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.

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Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Come, O Lord, do not delay: forgive the sins of your people. Alleluia!

Gospel: *a reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. Mt 21:28-32*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, ‘What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, “my boy, you go and work in the vineyard today”. He answered, “I will not go,” but afterwards though better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, “Certainly, sir,” but did not go. Which of the two did the father’s will?’ ‘The first’ they said. Jesus said to them, ‘I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.

*The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.*

Communion Antiphon:

The Just Judge will bestow a crown of righteousness on those who eagerly await his coming.



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