

**Entrance Antiphon:**

The Lord will come and he will not delay.  
He will illumine what is hidden in darkness  
and reveal himself to all the nations.

**First Reading** *a reading from the prophet  
Isaiah. Is 45:6-8. 18. 21-26*

Apart from me, all is nothing. I am the Lord,  
unrivalled, I form the light and create the dark. I  
make good fortune and create calamity, it is I,  
the Lord, who do all this. Send victory like a  
dew, you heavens, and let the clouds rain it  
down. Let the earth open for salvations to  
spring up. Let deliverance, too, bud forth which  
I, the Lord, shall create. Yes, thus says the Lord,  
creator of the heavens, who is God, who  
formed the earth and made it, who set it firm,  
created it no chaos, but a place to be lived in:

‘I am the Lord, unrivalled, there is no other  
god besides me, a God of integrity and a  
saviour; there is none apart from me. Turn to  
me and be saved, all the ends of the earth, for I  
am God unrivalled. By my own self I swear it;  
what comes from my mouth is truth, a word  
irrevocable; before me every tongue shall  
swear, saying, “from the Lord alone come  
victory and strength.” To him shall come,  
ashamed, all who raged against him. Victorious  
and glorious through the Lord shall be all the  
descendants of Israel.

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

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Let the clouds rain down the Just One, and the  
earth bring forth a Saviour.*

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and  
peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring  
from the earth and justice look down from  
heaven.

The Lord will make us prosper and our  
earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march  
before him and peace shall follow his steps.

*Let the clouds rain down the Just One, and  
the earth bring forth a Saviour.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Raise your voice and tell the  
Good News: the Lord our God comes in  
strength. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** *a reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Luke. Lk 7:19-23*

John, summoning two of his disciples, sent  
them to the Lord to ask, ‘are you the one who  
is to come, or must we wait for someone else?’  
When the men reached Jesus they said, ‘John  
the Baptist has sent us to you, to ask, “are you  
the one who is to come or have we to wait for  
someone else?”’ It was just then that he cured  
many people of disease and afflictions and of  
evil spirits, and gave the gift of sight to many  
who were blind. Then he gave the messengers  
their answer, ‘God back and tell John what you  
have seen and heard: the blind can see again,  
the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the  
deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, the Good  
News is proclaimed to the poor and happy is  
the man who does not lose faith in me.

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

**Communion Antiphon:**

Behold, our Lord will come with power and  
will enlighten the eyes of his servants.