



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord that I seek; hide not your face from me.

FIRST READING 15:5-12, 17-18 P780

A reading from the book of Genesis.

God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, "Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants" he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

"I am the Lord" he said to him "who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land". "My Lord, the Lord" Abram replied "How am I to know that I shall inherit it?" He said to him, "Get me a three year old heifer, a three year old goat, a three year old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon." He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a fire branch that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms; **"To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River."**

✠ **The word of the Lord.** ✠

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my light and my salvation.



SECOND READING page 801 3:17-4:1

A reading from the 1st letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

My brothers, be united in the following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. * For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glories body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.



So then, my brothers and dear friends do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

✠ **The word of the Lord.** ✠

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard; this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL

Page 802 9:28-36.

A reading from Holy Gospel according to Luke.

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lighting .

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lighting. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but he kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him.

As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadows; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid.

And a voice came from the cloud saying, "This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him." And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silent and at that time, told no one what had seen.

◆ **The Gospel of the Lord.** ◆



COMMUNION ANTIPHON

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we receive these glorious mysteries, we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord, for allowing us while still on earth to be partakers even now of the things of heaven.

◆ **Through Christ our Lord.** ◆

