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## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Deus, in adiutórium meum inténde; Dómine, ad adiuvándum me festína. Adiutor meus et liberátor meus es tu; Dómine, ne moréris.*

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me!  
You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

[–» Greeting]

## COLLECT

Draw near to your servants, O Lord, and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness, that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide, you may restore what you have created and keep safe what you have restored. Through our Lord.

## READINGS FOR YEAR A (2020, 2023, 2026)

### READING I

**Is 55:1–3**

Thus says the Lord: All you who are thirsty, come to the water!  
You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; come,  
without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk! Why  
spend your money for what is not bread; your wages for what  
fails to satisfy? Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall  
delight in rich fare. Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may  
have life. I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the  
benefits assured to David.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.**

*Aperis tu manum tuam, Dómine, et sátiás nos.*

The Lord is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

The Lord is good to all  
and compassionate toward all his works.

R.

The eyes of all look hopefully to you,  
and you give them their food in due season;  
you open your hand  
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

R.

The Lord is just in all his ways  
and holy in all his works.

The Lord is near to all who call upon him,  
to all who call upon him in truth.

R.

### **READING II**

**Rom 8:35, 37–39**

Brothers and sisters: What will separate us from the love of  
Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or  
nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we  
conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am  
convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor  
principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers,  
nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to  
separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **ALLELUIA**

*Non in solo pane vivit homo, sed in omni verbo quod procedit  
de ore Dei.*

Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that  
comes from the mouth of God.

**GOSPEL**  
**Mt 14:13–21**

When Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. The crowds heard of this and followed him on foot from their towns. When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples approached him and said, “This is a deserted place and it is already late; dismiss the crowds so that they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves.” Jesus said to them, “There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves.” But they said to him, “Five loaves and two fish are all we have here.” Then he said, “Bring them here to me,” and he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over — twelve wicker baskets full. Those who ate were about five thousand men, not counting women and children.

[→ Creed, Universal Prayer]

[→ Offertory]

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**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Sanctify graciously these gifts, O Lord, we pray, and, accepting the oblation of this spiritual sacrifice, make of us an eternal offering to you. Through Christ our Lord.

[→ Eucharistic Prayer]

[→ Preface of Sundays in Ordinary Time or of Weekdays]

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

*Panem de caelo dedisti nobis, Dómine, habéntem omne delectaméntum, et omnem sapórem suavítatis.*

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

Or:

*Ego sum panis vitæ, dicit Dóminus. Qui venit ad me non esúriet, et qui credit in me non sítiet.*

I am the bread of life, says the Lord; whoever comes to me will not hunger, and whoever believes in me will not thirst.

[→ Communion]

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Accompany with constant protection, O Lord, those you renew with these heavenly gifts, and in your never-failing care for them make them worthy of ever-living redemption. Through

Christ our Lord.  
[-> Concluding Rite]