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### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Iustus es, Dómine, et rectum iudícium tuum; fac cum servo tuo secundum misericórdiam tuam.*

You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

[→ Greeting]

### COLLECT

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an ever-living inheritance. Through our Lord.

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

#### First reading: Book of Ezechiel 33:7–9

Thus says the Lord: You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me. If I tell the wicked, “O wicked one, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death. But if you warn the wicked, trying to turn him from his way, and he

refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but you shall save yourself.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### **R/. Responsorial Psalm**

#### **R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord;  
let us acclaim the rock of our salvation.  
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us joyfully sing psalms to him.R.

Come, let us bow down in worship;  
let us kneel before the Lord who made us.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.R.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice:  
“Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as in the day of Massah in the desert,  
Where your fathers tempted me;  
they tested me though they had seen my works.”R.

#### **Second reading: Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 13:8–10**

Brothers and sisters: Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet, ” and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law..

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia.** God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. R. Alleluia

### **GOSPEL**

The Lord be with you.  
And with your spirit..

#### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 18:15–20**

Glory to you, Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen,

take one or two others along with you, so that ‘every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**SEE AS WELL: 23rd SUNDAY O.T. (A). FRATERNAL  
CORRECTION AND OUR CHRISTIAN  
RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SALVATION OF  
OTHERS [HERE](#) AND [HERE](#).**

[→ Creed, Universal Prayer]

[→ Offertory]

### **PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace, graciously grant that through this offering we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty and by partaking of the sacred mystery may be faithfully united in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord.

[→ Eucharistic Prayer]

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

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

*Quemádmódum desiderat cervus ad fontes aquárum, ita desiderat ánima mea ad te, Deus; sitívit ánima mea ad Deum fortem vivum.*

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God: my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Or:

*Ego sum lux mundi, dicit Dóminus; qui séquitur me, non ámbulat in ténebris, sed habébit lumen vitæ.*

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the one who follows me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life.

[→ Communion]

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Grant that your faithful, O Lord, whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son’s great gifts that we merit an eternal share in his life. Who lives and reigns

for ever and ever.  
[-> Concluding Rite]