

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Come, let us worship the Lord. Let us bow down in the presence of the maker, for he is the Lord our God.

**COLLECT**

Almighty God,  
give us reverence for all creation  
and respect for every person,  
that we may mirror your likeness  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**1st READING** *Proverbs 8. 1, 22-31*

Does not wisdom call,  
and does not understanding raise her voice?  
The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,  
the first of his acts of long ago.  
Ages ago I was set up,  
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.  
When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
when there were no springs abounding with water.  
Before the mountains had been shaped,  
before the hills, I was brought forth –  
when he had not yet made earth and fields,  
or the world's first bits of soil.  
When he established the heavens, I was there,  
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,  
when he made firm the skies above,  
when he established the fountains of the deep,  
when he assigned to the sea its limit,  
so that the waters might not transgress his command,  
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,  
then I was beside him, like a master worker;  
and I was daily his delight,  
rejoicing before him always,  
rejoicing in his inhabited world  
and delighting in the human race.

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**Psalms 104. 25-37**

**RESPONSE: Send forth your spirit, O Lord,  
and renew the face of the earth.**

O Lord, how manifold are your works!  
in wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures. **R/**

Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too many to number,  
creatures both small and great.  
There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan,  
which you have made for the sport of it. **R/**

All of them look to you  
to give them their food in due season.  
You give it to them; they gather it;  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.  
You hide your face, and they are terrified;  
you take away their breath,  
and they die and return to their dust. **R/**

**2nd READING** *Colossians 1. 15-20*

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the

church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia**

I am the light of the world, says the Lord,  
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

**Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia**

**GOSPEL** *John 1. 1-14*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Wise and gracious God,  
you spread a table before us;  
nourish your people with the word of life  
and the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

The Lord has filled the hungry with good things,  
He has satisfied the thirsty.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

God our creator,  
by your gift the tree of life was set  
at the heart of the earthly paradise,  
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:  
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth  
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross  
and enjoy the delights of eternity;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**