

The Theme of Today's Liturgy

Today, Our Lord reveals His purpose: to be about the Father's business by sitting in the midst of His enemies (*Gospel*). This contrasts with the view we see of Our Lord now-sitting on a throne, high and lifted up (*Introit*). And as Our Lord offers Himself willingly for our salvation, we pray for grace to do the same (*Collect*) by offering our bodies a living sacrifice (*Epistle*). In this way, as we partake in His suffering, we bless God (*Gradual*), make a joyful noise (*Alleluia*), and give Him praise (*Chief Hymn*).

Introit

Psalm 100:1-2a. Antiphon: Liturgical text



P On a throne, high and lifted up, I saw a Man sitting, whom the multitude of an- | gels adores, *
singing together, "Behold, His dominion endures for- | ever.

C Make a joyful shout to the LORD, | all you lands! *
Serve the LORD with | gladness.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son *
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning, *

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

On a throne, high and lifted up, I saw a Man sitting, whom the multitude of an- | gels adores, *
singing together, "Behold, His dominion endures for- | ever.

Collect of the Day

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of Your people who call upon You and grant that they both perceive and know what things they ought to do and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament

Isaiah 42:1-9

Thus says the LORD God: "Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, my Elect One in whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles. He will not cry out, nor raise His voice, nor cause His voice to be heard in the street. A bruised reed He will not break, and smoking flax He will not quench; He will bring forth justice for truth. He will not fail nor be discouraged, till He has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands shall wait for His law." Thus says God the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread forth the earth and that which comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it, and spirit to those who walk on it: "I, the LORD, have called You in

righteousness, and will hold Your hand; I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people, as a light to the Gentiles, to open blind eyes, to bring out prisoners from the prison, those who sit in darkness from the prison house. I am the LORD, that is My name; and My glory I will not give to another, nor My praise to carved images. Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 72:18, 3

P Blessèd be the LORD God, the God of | Israel, *
who only does | wondrous things!

C The mountains will bring peace to the | people, *
and the little hills, by | righteousness.

Epistle

Romans 12:1-6

Brethren: I beseech you by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

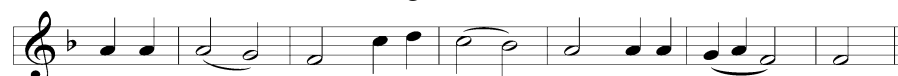
Alleluia and Verse

Psalm 100:1-2a



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

P Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
Serve the LORD with gladness



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

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This Week's Psalm

This week's Psalm is Psalm 100.

In this Psalm, all lands (and peoples) are encouraged to worship the Lord with singing, acts of love, and faithful knowledge (vv 1-3). That worship is grounded in our confidence that, regardless of our ethnic heritage, we are the Lord's people (v 3b). Therefore we enter the house of the Lord to bless and thank Him (v 4) because His mercy, which makes us His own children, will continue forever (v 5).

Prayer

We rejoice in You, O Lord everlasting, with gladness and exultation, imploring You, that while the gates of our hearts are thrown open in praise they may also be flung wide to receive Your mercy and truth; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Holy Gospel

St. Luke 2:41-52

- P** The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, second chapter.
- C** (🎵) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

At that time: When Jesus was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know it; but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among their relatives and acquaintances. So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously." And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them. Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** (🎵) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

The first Sunday after of the Epiphany of Our Lord

✠ Sunday 11 January Anno Domini 2026 ✠



We have seen His glory,
glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
— *John 1:14*

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