

Introit

Psalm 66:3, 5, 8–9; antiphon: vv. 1–2

Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alle- | luia.*

Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Alle- | luia.

Say to God, “How awesome | are your deeds!*

So great is your power that your enemies come cringing | to you.”

Come and see what | God has done:*

he is awesome in his deeds toward the chil- | dren of man.

Bless our God, O | peoples;*

let the sound of his | praise be heard,

who has kept our soul among the | living*

and has not let our | feet slip.

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.

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Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:25–31

²⁵To whom then will you compare me,
that I should be like him? says the Holy One.

²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see:
who created these?

He who brings out their host by number,
calling them all by name,
by the greatness of his might,
and because he is strong in power
not one is missing.

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
“My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?

²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;

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his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹He gives power to the faint,
and to him who has no might he increases strength.

³⁰Even youths shall faint and be weary,
and young men shall fall exhausted;

³¹but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.

Psalm

Psalm 147:1–11; antiphon: v. 5

He Heals the Brokenhearted

¹Praise the LORD!

For it is good to sing praises | to our God; *
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is | fitting.

²The LORD builds up Je- | rusalem; *
he gathers the outcasts of | Israel.

³He heals the broken- | hearted *
and binds | up their wounds.

⁴He determines the number | of the stars; *
he gives to all of | them their names.

⁵Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in power; *
his understanding is beyond | measure.

⁶The LORD lifts up the | humble; *
he casts the wicked | to the ground.

⁷Sing to the LORD with thanks- | giving; *
make melody to our God | on the lyre!

⁸He covers the heavens with clouds;
he prepares rain | for the earth; *
he makes grass grow | on the hills.

⁹He gives to the | beasts their food, *
and to the young ravens | that cry.

¹⁰His delight is not in the strength | of the horse, *
nor his pleasure in the legs | of a man,

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¹¹but the LORD takes pleasure in those who | fear him,*
in those who hope in his | steadfast love.

Epistle

1 Peter 2:11–20

¹¹Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹²Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

Submission to Authority

¹³Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. ¹⁵For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. ¹⁶Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. ¹⁷Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

¹⁸Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. ¹⁹For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.

Holy Gospel

John 16:16–22

Your Sorrow Will Turn into Joy

¹⁶[Jesus said:] “A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” ¹⁷So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father’?” ¹⁸So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” ¹⁹Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’? ²⁰Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹When a woman is giving birth, she

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has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²²So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.”

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