

Introit

Psalm 34:1–2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46



I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]*
and shall not be | put to shame.
I will bless the LORD at | all times; *
his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast | in the LORD; *
let the humble hear | and be glad.
Come, O children, lis- | ten to me; *
I will teach you the fear | of the LORD.
The LORD redeems the life of his | servants; *
none of those who take refuge in him will | be condemned.
**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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First Reading

Revelation 14:6–7

The Messages of the Three Angels

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

Psalm

Psalm 46; antiphon: v. 7



God Is Our Fortress

¹God is our ref- | uge and strength, *
a very present help in | trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear though the | earth gives way,*
though the mountains be moved into the heart | of the sea,
³though its waters | roar and foam,*
though the mountains tremble at its | swelling.
⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,*
the holy habitation of the | Most High.
⁵God is in the midst of her; she shall | not be moved;*
God will help her when | morning dawns.
⁶The nations rage, the kingdoms | totter;*
he utters his voice, the | earth melts.
⁷The LORD of hosts is | with us;*
the God of Jacob is our | fortress.
⁸Come, behold the works | of the LORD,*
how he has brought desolations | on the earth.
⁹He makes wars cease to the end | of the earth;*
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots | with fire.
¹⁰“Be still, and know that | I am God.*
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted | in the earth!”
¹¹The LORD of hosts is | with us,*
the God of Jacob is our | fortress.

Epistle

Romans 3:19–28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

The Righteousness of God Through Faith

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put

forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

Verse of the Day

Luke 12:32

Alleluia. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 8:31–36

The Truth Will Set You Free

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

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