

THE WORD

Year A • Psalter Week 4



We are approaching the end of the Church's liturgical year and the Sunday readings begin to think about the second coming of Christ. The parable in today's Gospel extract is one which is traditionally understood in this way.

The theme is that of the coming of the kingdom, which is presented as the arrival of the bridal couple from the house of the bride's father, and the beginning of the wedding feast. The wedding banquet is a frequent symbol for the kingdom of God. The moral is that of being prepared: one group of female attendants have intelligently planned for the possible need for more oil for their lamps; the others, described as "foolish", have clearly thought only in the short term; even when the bridegroom's arrival is delayed, they do not take the opportunity to remedy their situation, but simply doze off. On appealing to the better nature of their companions to share their resources, the others point out that if they do, there will be no lighted lamps at all. As a result, they are locked out of the celebrations.

The groom's reply may well indicate that the bridesmaids may be part of the bride's household, but unknown to him. So the reader is being warned to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man, and presented with models for people who are prepared and who are not. We are being urged not to take anything for granted, that it is our responsibility to be awake when the Lord arrives.

REFLECT

here are texts in the Bible which look to the second coming and the end of the world. The early writings of St Paul suggest that he and the earliest Christians thought that this was imminent. However, it became clear that this was not going to happen anytime soon, and that the disciples of Jesus had to get on with living their lives just like everybody else. There are certain Christian groups who see in natural disasters indications of the end of the world, but this is to misunderstand the nature of apocalyptic writing, such as the book of Revelation, and to interpret it literally.

The warnings in our Gospel extracts on these Sundays at the end of this cycle of readings is to shake us out of any possible state of complacency into which we may have fallen. This is due not to any ill will on our part, but rather because the rhythm of daily life, our worries and concerns about our family, work and so on, can lure us into thinking about what is going on at the present time and our awareness of God in our lives can become somewhat dulled. The scriptures may not be telling us that the end of the world is near: but perhaps they are reminding us that the Lord comes to us in all sorts of ways which we might not realise, because, as far as our spiritual awareness is concerned, we have dozed off.

SAY

Stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.
(Matthew 25:13)

DO

When your alarm goes off in the morning, think of the shout, "The bridegroom is coming!"



LEARN

The custom of the time was that the bridegroom would go to the bride's father's house to bring her to his own home.

Apocalyptic literature, such as the books of Daniel and Revelation, was written to encourage communities under persecution to stand firm, that the Lord would come to vindicate them.

In the Hebrew Bible, God was sometimes identified as the bridegroom of Israel: in Matthew's writing, the figure of the bridegroom applied to the Son of Man, who is Jesus.

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8th November 2020 Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr Tony will be celebrating mass privately on a daily basis and intentions will be included

Saturday	7		St Willibrord	Domenica Sweeney RIP
				Gerard Coburn RIP
				Deceased Members of the SVP
Sunday	8	9.30am-	Private Prayer	Catherine Bevan RIP
		10.30am	Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Thomas Hugh Ecob RIP
				Luigi Amatiello RIP Recently Deceased
				Tom Lennon RIP & Peggy Lennon RIP
Monday	9		The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica of the Most Holy	
			Redeemer	
Tuesday	10	10.00am-	Private Prayer	John Langston RIP
		11.00am	St Leo the Great	William Banham RIP
		1.45pm	Funeral Service for Christine Diane Walters RIP	Luigi Amatiello RIP Recently Deceased
Wednesday	11		St Martin of Tours	
Thursday	12	10.00am-	Private Prayer	Margaret Ames RIP Recently Deceased
		11.00am	St Josaphat	Paul Bullen RIP 1st Anniversary
			-	Christopher Callow RIP
Friday	13			
Saturday	14			Kathleen Perry RIP
Sunday	15	9.30am-	Private Prayer	Tom Lennon RIP and Peggy Lennon RIP Anniversary
-		10.30am	Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Luigi Amatiello RIP Recently Deceased

IN NEED OF A PRIEST Please contact Fr Grace at St Gabriel's 01270 877736

Prayer and Mass Intentions can be sent by email to us at stannesnantwich@btinternet.com

Dear Parishioners

As you are now aware, the coronavirus lockdown came into effect on Thursday until the 2nd December. This means that the church will be open for Private Prayer only. There will be no mass or other services celebrated during this period.

The church will therefore be open for Private Prayer as detailed below. These days and times will be repeated each week until the lockdown ends.

I hope many of you can come to the church during the lockdown and we look forward to seeing you all.

Can you spread the word that the church will be open for Private Prayer.

Take care and keep safe. You are in our prayers always.

Fr Tony, Fr Mike and Deacons Peter and John

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to Deacon John Penny who joins our Parish team here in St Anne's following his appointment by Bishop Mark. Many of you may have already met John and his wife Debbie who have been invaluable support to us, working hard to facilitate the opening of the church under such unusual circumstances. Welcome to the St Anne's family John and Debbie.

Important Information for Attending Church during the November Lockdown

As church services are not permitted during lockdown, St Anne's Church will be open for private prayer only at the following times:

Sundays 9.30 - 10.30 Tuesdays 10 -11 Thursdays 10 - 11

The doors will not be opened before these times.

This will continue until 2nd December. $\hat{\mathbf{Y}}$ ou may spend up to 15 minutes in church.

Please wear a face mask over your nose and mouth whilst you are in church, sanitise your hands, keep 2 m apart from others and follow the one-way system everyone has become so good at!.

Votive candles may be used, please ask a steward to light a candle, from which you can light one yourself. The stewards will sanitise vacated seats in preparation for the next person and to reduce the spread of infection.

A huge thank you to all the stewards for their work in keeping St Anne's parishioners safe and in anticipation of the weeks to come.

<u>Funeral Service</u> for Christine Diane Walters RIP on 10 November at 1.45pm followed by burial at Audlem Cemetery Please pray for the repose of her soul and keep Christine Diane's family in your prayers.

<u>Mass Intentions</u> Please post Mass intentions through Presbytery door or email us. Donations for intentions can be made by bank transfer. Details available from Teri by email.

CLERGY EDUCATION & TRAINING FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION. This week the annual Collection for the Shrewsbury Clergy Education & Training Fund will be held. On the training and formation of Priests, the future of our Diocese so much depends. For those attending Private Prayer there are baskets at the exits. If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please make your donation Online. To donate online please go to www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/clergy-education-and-training-fund An electronic version of a leaflet about the Fund is available on the Parish website. This explains how you can also donate to the Fund by Standing Order or Cheque and how to Gift Aid donations made using these methods.



Last week's collection £463.28

Thank you. During Private Prayer baskets will be available for offertory donations. Online donations https://investmycommunity.com/not-logged-donator/page/stannesdioceseofshrewsbury2168

November Prayers for the Deceased Envelopes in which you can place the names of your deceased relatives and those for whom you wish to pray are now available at various points in the church. There will be a basket at the altar for these November Intentions. Unfortunately, we won't be holding our usual Mass for the recently deceased as this does not fall within our COVID 19 guidelines, however we will have Mass intentions for the recently deceased of the Parish throughout November. Fr Tony will include these intentions in his daily private masses.

<u>Christmas support for Nantwich Foodbank</u> are promoting a reverse advent calendar idea. It gives suggestions of what is needed in the parcels (they don't expect people to donate all the items unless they wish to!) Donations can be dropped at Brine Leas school on 28/11/20 between 11-13.00. The organisers for the Food festival are arranging this collection. Copies of the calendar are available at the exits to St Anne's and on our website.

Despite Covid-19, the Christmas Shoebox Appeal is going forward in faith. Nantwich Churches and community have for years sent 'boxes of love' to children on the margins of society usually in Eastern Europe and Africa. Teams4U charity, based in Wrexham, still aim to send a lorry and St Mary's Church Nantwich have offered to be the collection venue for the boxes. Collecting starts from Sunday Nov 1 and ends Thursday Nov 19. The Church aims to open weekdays and Saturday from 10am to 3p.m. and of course after the Sunday Services which are 9.30am and 10.45 am. Advice on how to fill a box can be found on their website www.teams4u.com.

Charity Christmas Cards from Cards for Good Causes Unfortunately due to Covid restrictions we will not be able to operate our annual Christmas Card shop in the Tarporley Baptist and Methodist Church. However you can still support Cards for Good Causes by visiting our Chester shop which this year will be in the Grosvenor Shopping Centre, at 15 St Michael's Row. Alternatively cards can bought on line at www.cardsforcharity.co.uk Charities have had a very difficult time raising much needed funds during this pandemic. Over 70% of our sales goes directly to the charities and so do please support us by buying your cards from either the Chester shop or on line. Stay safe. All enquiries Mary Thompson 01829 733642.

Bible Timeline Course - If you have struggled to read the Bible, and maybe given up several books in, this course is designed to help you understand the history of salvation . There are seven sessions from 7pm - 8.30pm starting Wednesday 4th. November. It is free and looks at the Bible story in a clear and simple way. You will need access to a Catholic Bible to read a section prior to each session. A description of the course is available in the link below as well as details of how to register. 'comeandsee.org' The course is held live on 'Zoom' but you do not need a zoom account, the course leader will send you a link enabling you to join in.

<u>Fratelli tutti</u> is the title Pope Francis has chosen for his encyclical letter dedicated to "human fraternity" and "social friendship". In English, it can be read as 'All Brothers', 'Brethren all' or 'Brothers and sisters all'. The first words of the new 'circular letter', or encyclical as we know it, come from St Francis of Assisi. https://catholicnews.us6.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8bfb372c271fbad8a971552fb&id=d1814557fa&e=d5cb67f88d

<u>Community Hub</u> Understandably things have been quiet whilst we have been under Covid lockdown however we still need to reach our target before we can take the next step to approach the council for planning. Please do help by making donations via this link https://app.thegoodexchange.com/project/17726/st-annes-church-nantwich/st-annes-community-hub or to the presbytery. Thank you to the family and friends of John and Sheila Wilson RIP who have recently made donations to the good exchange in their memory.

<u>Pope Francis' prayer for November:</u> Pope's November prayer intention: that progress in robotics and AI "be human" In his video message on his prayer intention for November, Pope Francis emphasizes that progress in robotics and artificial intelligence (AI) be oriented "towards respecting the dignity of the person and of Creation". https://youtu.be/NYkwVRteZTI

<u>Subject: Autumn talks on Spirituality</u> A series of eight, fortnightly talks about Spiritual Masters, given by distinguished speakers. They are free to view live-streamed, although there will be a fee to view recordings. Saints, Scholars and Spiritual Masters. A series of online talks on Thursday evenings at 7.30 pm, starting on 3 September organised by the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst. For details and to register: https://christianheritagecentre.com/event/saints-scholars-spiritual-masters/.

While you're planning your autumn viewing, you might also be interested in choosing selectively from a new Centre for Applied Carmelite Spirituality series of lectures. This features the five great Teresa's of the Carmelite tradition - Teresa of Avila, Teresa Margaret Redi, Therese of Lisieux, Teresa of the Andes and Teresa Benedicta (Edith Stein). For Teresa of Avila and Therese of Lisieux the paid-for talks in this series overlap with the free talks in the Christian Heritage centre series (given by the same or an equally distinguished lecturer), but it would be a chance to learn about the other Carmelite spiritual masters. The talks in this series will be given on selected Sundays at 8.00 pm between 20 September and 15 November. The cost is £20 for each lecture. For details and to register: https://mailchi.mp/oxcacs.org/new-spirituality-series-of-lectures-from-cacs?e=1f35f1f3f8

Feast and Memorial Days



The feast of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran is celebrated by the entire Church. It marks the dedication of the cathedral church of Rome by Pope Sylvester I in 324. This church is the cathedra (or chair) of the bishop of Rome, who is the Pope. A Latin inscription in the Church reads: "omnium ecclesiarum Urbis et Orbis mater et caput." Translated, this means, "The mother and head of all churches of the city and of the world."

The basilica was originally named the Archbasilica of the Most Holy Savior. However, it is called St. John Lateran because it was built on property donated to the Church by the Laterani family, and because the monks from the monastery of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Divine served it.



Nov. 10 is the Roman Catholic Church's liturgical memorial of the fifth-century Pope Saint Leo I, known as "St. Leo the Great," whose involvement in the fourth ecumenical council helped prevent the spread of error on Christ's divine and human natures. St. Leo intervened for the safety of the Church in the West as well, persuading Attila the Hun to turn back from Rome.

"As the nickname soon attributed to him by tradition suggests," Pope Benedict XVI said in a 2008 general audience on the saint, "he was truly one of the greatest pontiffs to have honoured the Roman See and made a very important contribution to strengthening its authority and prestige."

Leo's origins are obscure and his date of birth unknown. His ancestors are said to have come from Tuscany, though the future pope may have been born in that region or in Rome itself. He became a deacon in Rome in approximately 430, during the pontificate of Pope Celestine I.

During this time, central authority was beginning to decline in the Western portion of the Roman Empire. At some point between 432 and 440, during the reign of Pope St. Celestine's successor Pope Sixtus III, the Roman Emperor Valentinian III commissioned Leo to travel to the region of Gaul and settle a dispute between military and civil officials.

Pope Sixtus III died in 440 and, like his predecessor Celestine, was canonized as a saint. Leo, away on his diplomatic mission at the time of the Pope's death, was chosen to be the next Bishop of Rome. Reigning for over two decades, he sought to preserve the unity of the Church in its profession of faith, and to ensure the safety of his people against frequent barbarian invasions.

Leo used his authority, in both doctrinal and disciplinary matters, against a number of heresies troubling the Western church. In this same period, many Eastern Christians had begun arguing about the relationship between Jesus' humanity and divinity.

As early as 445, Leo had intervened in this dispute in the East, which threatened to split the churches of Alexandria and Constantinople. Its eventual resolution was, in fact, rejected in some quarters – leading to the present-day split between Eastern Orthodoxy and the so-called "non-Chalcedonian churches" which accept only three ecumenical councils.

As the fifth-century Christological controversy continued, the Pope urged the gathering of an ecumenical council to resolve the matter. At the Council of Chalcedon in 451, the Pope's teaching was received as authoritative by the Eastern bishops, who proclaimed: "Peter has spoken through the mouth of Leo."

Leo's teaching confirmed that Christ's eternal divine personhood and nature did not absorb or negate the human nature that he assumed in time through the Incarnation. Instead, "the proper character of both natures was maintained and came together in a single person."

In 452, one year after the Council of Chalcedon, Pope Leo led a delegation which successfully negotiated with the barbarian king Attila to prevent an invasion of Rome. When the Vandal leader Genseric occupied Rome in 455, the Pope confronted him, unarmed, and obtained a guarantee of safety for many of the city's inhabitants and the churches to which they had fled.

Pope St. Leo the Great died on Nov. 10, 461. He was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church by Pope Benedict XIV in 1754. A large collection of his writings and sermons survives and can be read in translation today.

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We recently held 'Mission Under the Shadow of Covid-19' online sessions and have put together a brief summary of the sessions, together with edited videos of the contributions of our guest speakers, which can be viewed on this page of Missio's website:https://missio.org.uk/ls/shadow/

Faith in Action Reflection https://missio.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Faith-in-Action-Reflection-Session-Solidarity.pdf

Mary, the mother of God, was a loving mother and a model for missionaries. That's why we've created this series of Marian resources. Each resource helps children to deepen their appreciation of Mary and learn how she can help us to become missionaries of God's love too.

https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/marian-and-mission-rosary/

<u>Missio</u> World Mission Sunday 18th October <u>https://missio.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/WMS20_Leaflet.pdf</u> <u>https://missio.org.uk/world-mission-sunday/world-mission-sunday-2020/</u>



Prayer Resource for November: month of the Holy Souls

Prayer: taken from the Roman Missal Listen kindly to our prayers, O Lord, and,



as our faith in your Son, raised from the dead, is deepened, so may our hope of resurrection for your departed servants also find new strength. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

Song of Farewell: From the Order of Christians Funerals

Saints of God, come to their aid!
Hasten to meet them, angels of the Lord!
Receive their soul and present them to God the most high.
May Christ, who called you, take you to himself; may angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.
Receive their soul and present them to God the most high.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
Receive their soul and present them to God the most high.

Psalm 22:

The Lord is my shepherd;

there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

Eternal Rest grant unto him/her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him/her. May he/she rest in peace. Amen. May his/her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Prayer in Difficult Times - Talks by Fr. Matt Blake OCD

Drawing on the Carmelite tradition to help us pray and live deeply our Christian lives during this time of lockdown.

Mondays November 9th, November 16th, November 23rd, November 30th

Times: 10.00am and repeated at 8.00pm

www.carmelitechurch.org

You Tube "Kensington Carmelite Church"

You'll notice that the talks, as well as being given live at 10.00 am and 8.00 pm and streamed from the Kensington Carmelite Church will also be streamed on YouTube, where they will continue to be available as recordings.

Sanctuaries, shrines Catholics can 'visit' virtually in Europe, Mideast. https://catholicsentinel.org/Content/Arts/Arts-and-

Entertainment/Article/Sanctuaries-shrines-Catholics-can-visit-virtually-in-Europe-Mideast/6/31/40431

Journeying Together https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/journeying-together/

Shrewsbury Youth Mission. https://www.symt.org.uk/

The National Shrine for Our Lady of Walsingham www.walsingham.org.uk/livestream

Laudato Tree https://www.vaticannews.va/en/world/news/2020-05/laudato-tree-sahel-pope-francis-laudato-si-year.html

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Prayer resources at: http://pathwaystogod.org/. https://pathwaystogod.org/. https://pathwaystogod.org/. https://pathwaystogod.org/. https://pathwaystogod.org/.

Catholic Bishops Conference https://www.cbcew.org.uk/ and latest news https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/news-and-media/news/

Prayer for times of Flu or Illness https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/03/prayer-flu-viruses.pdf

Stream Father Denis McBride's Mass for the Dead https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pY1bOyrcDbw

<u>Life</u> Helplines and Information can be found at http://www.dayforlife.org/article/helplines-and-information-2020/

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your g

we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

COLLECT

Almighty and merciful God, graciously keep from us all adversity, so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING Wisdom 6:12-16

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.

Watch for her early and you will have no trouble:

you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;

be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.

She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her

and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet

them.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 62

Response:

For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. (R.)

3 So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)

On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadows of your wings I rejoice. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

(For shorter form, read between > <)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.

>We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him.< We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

>The word of the Lord.<

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, 'The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him. At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, 'Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, 'There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves.' They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. 'Lord, Lord,' they said 'open the door for us.' But he replied, 'I tell you solemnly, I do not know you.' So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father:

through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(all bow during the next three lines)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,

he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins

and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look with favour, we pray, O Lord, upon the sacrificial gifts offered here, that, celebrating in mystery the Passion of your Son,

we may honour it with loving devotion.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose,

near restful waters he leads me.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished by this sacred gift, O Lord, we give you thanks and beseech your mercy, that, by the pouring forth of your Spirit, the grace of integrity may endure in those your heavenly power has entered. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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