**Friday 6 November 2020**

*Liturgical Colour: Green.*

**Readings at Mass**

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**Entrance Antiphon**

**Cf. Ps 37: 22-23**

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;

be not far from me!

Make haste and come to my help,

O Lord, my strong salvation!

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**Collect**

Almighty and merciful God,

by whose gift your faithful offer you

right and praiseworthy service,

grant, we pray,

that we may hasten without stumbling

to receive the things you have promised.

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.

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**First reading**

**Philippians 3:17-4:1**

**Our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes Christ to transfigure us**

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

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**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 121(122):1-5**

*I rejoiced when I heard them say: ‘Let us go to God’s house.’*

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‘Let us go to God’s house.’

And now our feet are standing

within your gates, O Jerusalem.

*I rejoiced when I heard them say: ‘Let us go to God’s house.’*

Jerusalem is built as a city

strongly compact.

It is there that the tribes go up,

the tribes of the Lord.

*I rejoiced when I heard them say: ‘Let us go to God’s house.’*

For Israel’s law it is,

there to praise the Lord’s name.

There were set the thrones of judgement

of the house of David.

*I rejoiced when I heard them say: ‘Let us go to God’s house.’*

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**Gospel Acclamation**

**2Co5:19**

Alleluia, alleluia!

God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself,

and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled.

Alleluia!

**Or:**

**1Jn2:5**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Whenever anyone obeys what Christ has said,

God’s love comes to perfection in him.

Alleluia!

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**Gospel**

**Luke 16:1-8**

**The master praised the dishonest servant**

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘There was a rich man and he had a steward denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, “What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer.” Then the steward said to himself, “Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes.”

Then he called his master’s debtors one by one. To the first he said, “How much do you owe my master?” “One hundred measures of oil” was the reply. The steward said, “Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty.” To another he said, “And you, sir, how much do you owe?” “One hundred measures of wheat” was the reply. The steward said, “Here, take your bond and write eighty.”

‘The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.’

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**Prayer over the Offerings**

May these sacrificial offerings, O Lord,

become for you a pure oblation,

and for us a holy outpouring of your mercy.

Through Christ our Lord.

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**Communion Antiphon**

**Cf. Ps 15: 11**

You will show me the path of life,

the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

**Or:**

**Jn 6: 58**

Just as the living Father sent me

and I have life because of the Father,

so whoever feeds on me

shall have life because of me, says the Lord.

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**Prayer after Communion**

May the working of your power, O Lord,

increase in us, we pray,

so that, renewed by these heavenly Sacraments,

we may be prepared by your gift

for receiving what they promise.

Through Christ our Lord.

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