

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

*Liturgical Colour: Green.*

### Readings at Mass

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#### Entrance Antiphon

Save us, O Lord our God!  
And gather us from the nations,  
to give thanks to your holy name,  
and make it our glory to praise you.

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**Ps 105: 47**

#### Collect

Grant us, Lord our God,  
that we may honour you with all our mind,  
and love everyone in truth of heart.  
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

**Zephaniah 2:3,3:12-13**

#### A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

Seek the Lord,  
all you, the humble of the earth,  
who obey his commands.  
Seek integrity,  
seek humility:  
you may perhaps find shelter  
on the day of the anger of the Lord.

In your midst I will leave  
a humble and lowly people,  
and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in  
the name of the Lord.

They will do no wrong,  
will tell no lies;  
and the perjured tongue will no longer  
be found in their mouths.  
But they will be able to graze and rest  
with no one to disturb them.

#### The word of the Lord

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### Responsorial Psalm

**Psalm 145(146):6-10(Lord6)**

*R/ How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. *R/*
  2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger  
and upholds the widow and orphan. *R/*
  3. It is the Lord who loves the just  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age. *R/*
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### Second reading

**1 Corinthians 1:26-31**

#### A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Take yourselves for instance, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: *if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.*

#### The word of the Lord

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## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Blessed are you, Father,  
Lord of heaven and earth,  
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom  
to mere children.  
Alleluia!

Mt11:25

Or:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Rejoice and be glad:  
your reward will be great in heaven.  
Alleluia!

Mt5:12a

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12a

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Matthew**

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he  
sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he  
began to speak. This is what he taught them:

‘How happy are the poor in spirit;  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Happy the gentle:  
they shall have the earth for their heritage.  
Happy those who mourn:  
they shall be comforted.  
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:  
they shall be satisfied.  
Happy the merciful:  
they shall have mercy shown them.  
Happy the pure in heart:  
they shall see God.  
Happy the peacemakers:  
they shall be called sons of God.  
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of  
right:  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Happy are you when people abuse you and  
persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against  
you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your  
reward will be great in heaven.’

**The Gospel of the Lord**

**Prayer over the Offerings**

O Lord, we bring to your altar  
these offerings of our service:  
be pleased to receive them, we pray,  
and transform them  
into the Sacrament of our redemption.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Communion Antiphon**

**Cf. Ps 30: 17-18**

Let your face shine on your servant.  
Save me in your merciful love.  
O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on  
you.

Or:

**Mt 5: 3-4**

Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the  
land.

**Prayer after Communion**

Nourished by these redeeming gifts,  
we pray, O Lord,  
that through this help to eternal salvation  
true faith may ever increase.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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