



# Hosanna



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### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Est 4: 17*

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

### COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. 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.

### FIRST READING

*God is concerned that man is not happy even though he is made master of the whole world that He has created. Adam was the only human being in all the earth. God therefore creates woman from Adam's rib. Adam is overjoyed at seeing the woman and he accepts her as his life partner. They were two in one flesh.*

### A Reading from the book of Genesis 2:18-24

The LORD God said: "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him." So the LORD God formed out of the ground various wild animals and various birds of the air, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them; whatever the man called each of them would be its name. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of the air, and all wild animals; but none proved to be the suitable partner for the man. So the LORD God cast a deep sleep on the man, and while he was asleep, he took out one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. The LORD God then built up into a woman the rib that he had taken from the man. When he brought her to the man, the man said:

"This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called 'woman,' for out of 'her man' this one has been taken." That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh.

### Responsorial Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

R. (cf. 5) **May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.**

Blessed are you who fear the LORD,  
who walk in his ways! For you shall eat  
the fruit of your handiwork;  
blessed shall you be, and favored.

**R. May the Lord bless us all the days  
of our lives.**

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine  
in the recesses of your home; your chil-  
dren like olive plants around your table.

**R. May the Lord bless us all the days  
of our lives.**

Behold, thus is the man blessed who  
fears the LORD. The LORD bless you  
from Zion: may you see the prosperity  
of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

**R. May the Lord bless us all the days  
of our lives.**

May you see your children's children.  
Peace be upon Israel!

**R. May the Lord bless us all the days  
of our lives.**

## SECOND READING

*Jesus is the one who sanctifies us. We  
are those who are sanctified. The au-  
thor of the letter to the Hebrews says  
we have one origin. That is why Jesus  
is not ashamed to call us his brethren.  
He perfected our salvation by his suf-  
fering. We too should do like him.*

### A Reading from the letter to the He- brews 2:9-11

Brothers and sisters: He “for a little  
while” was made “lower than the an-  
gels, “that by the grace of God he might  
taste death for everyone. For it was  
fitting that he, for whom and through  
whom all things exist, in bringing many  
children to glory, should make the lead-

er to their salvation perfect through suf-  
fering. He who consecrates and those  
who are being consecrated all have one  
origin. Therefore, he is not ashamed to  
call them ‘brothers.’

## ALLELUIA Mt. 4:23

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

If we love one another, God remains in  
us and his love is brought to perfection  
in us.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

## GOSPEL READING

*Jesus raised Marriage to the dignity of  
a sacrament. In clear terms Jesus say  
that the Creator did not will divorce  
for any marriage. Moses was still pre-  
paring the hard hearted Jews to accept  
marriage as holy and indissoluble.  
Hence he accepted Divorce. Jesus says  
that it is God who unites two people in  
marriage. No one, neither the spouses  
themselves nor any authority can sepa-  
rate what God has put together.*

### A Reading from the Gospel of St. Mark 10:2-16

The Pharisees approached Jesus and  
asked, “Is it lawful for a husband to di-  
vorce his wife?” They were testing him.  
He said to them in reply, “What did  
Moses command you?” They replied,  
“Moses permitted a husband to write a  
bill of divorce and dismiss her.” But Je-  
sus told them, “Because of the hardness  
of your hearts he wrote you this com-  
mandment. But from the beginning of  
creation, God made them male and fe-  
male. For this reason a man shall leave  
his father and mother and be joined to

his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate.” In the house the disciples again questioned Jesus about this. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

And people were bringing children to him that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this he became indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it.” Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them.

## HOMILY NICENE CREED PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: We turn to the Lord who has done all things well and ask him to help us in our need.

1. Let us pray for Francis, our Pope, Bishops, Priests and Religious that they may inspire the faithful to be united in love after the example of the Holy Family so that the faithful may experience God’s love in their day-to-day lives. Let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

2. Let us pray for Governments and Political leaders who rule our country that they may strive to keep the married couple together and make

legislations which focus on keeping the couple together rather than dividing them. Let us pray to the Lord.

3. There are many elements in today’s world that divide the families such as individualism, selfishness, misunderstanding, hatred, unfaithfulness and so on. Let us pray that families in the world recognize the values of married life such as love, understanding, sharing and keep their marital status holy and pure. Let us pray to the Lord.

4. Let us pray for broken families in the world that they may reconcile with each other, understand each other, love each other and come together again as God had made them live in union and not in separation and bring glory to God by their way of life. Let us pray to the Lord.

5. Let us pray for the families in our parish, parents, youth, children that they may understand each other and care for each other so that their family union may be strengthened and that they may be shining examples in the world for others to live in love and union. Let us pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Loving Father, hear our prayers and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain through your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the sacrifices instituted by your commands and, through the sacred mysteries, which we celebrate with dutiful service, graciously complete the sanctifying work by which you are pleased to redeem us. Through Christ our Lord

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The LORD is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him; *Lam* 3: 25

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant us, almighty God, that we may be refreshed and nourished by the Sacrament which we have received, so as to be transformed into what we consume. Through Christ our Lord.

## REFLECTION

Marriage is a great mystery. Jesus says that what God has put together man cannot separate. St. Paul says that the union of man and woman in the sacrament of marriage is a reflection of the union of Christ and the Church. The union of Christ and the Church is an unbreakable union, a faithful union and a holy union. Christian marriage should be the same, unbreakable, faithful and holy. Jesus says that if anyone breaks a good and true marriage and marries another because of merely a court divorce commits adultery. In the first reading we heard that Moses told the Israelite people that in marriage two people become one flesh. Jesus makes Moses' declaration as his own and therefore quotes him. The pharasees quote Moses that he also allowed divorce. For which Jesus says that Moses allowed divorce because of the hardness of their hearts,

but God never willed divorce when he instituted marriage. To make things clear Jesus say, it doesn't matter what Moses said but he says "what God has put together let no man put asunder"

It is coincidental that the end of the gospel reading speaks of people bringing children to him that he may touch them and bless them. He says the Kingdom of God belongs to such as them. Ironically it is children who are most affected badly when a divorce takes place. They either lose a father or a mother. Their life is to a great extent affected badly. This is not the case when a parent dies. The living parent misses and longs for the company of a diseased spouse. This is not the case with divorced parents. Parents should realize that the children's' lives are as important as theirs. They should even be ready to make big sacrifices for the sake of the children and stay united. Most of all spouses do not have the right to break a valid marriage because God says so.

Ordinarily today is the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. His poem of love should be kept in the minds of all married couples. Lord make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred let me sow love where there is injury pardon ..... May Mary our blessed Mother bless all our families and keep them as beacon and vessels of Love

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