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'If you O lord should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?- Ps 130:3

INTRODUCTION

The liturgy of the word today invites to experience the fullness of life by returning to God our Maker and redeemer Jesus Christ. This invitation of Jesus to repent and believe in the Gospel of God's Salvation is also the daily invitation of Jesus to come to him the source of life and love.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Sing a new song to the Lord! Sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.
Cf. (Ps 95:1, 6)

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works. 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

In the first reading Prophet Isaiah speaks of the promising hope which the Lord will bring the coming days. The Lord will shatter the darkness bringing them his light.

A reading from the Book of Isaiah 8:23–9:3

In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. Thou hast multiplied the nation, thou hast increased its joy; they rejoice before thee as with joy at the harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, thou hast broken as on the day of Midian.

Responsorial PSALM (26)

Response: **The Lord is my light and my help.**

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink?

R/ The Lord is my light and my help.

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple.

R/ The Lord is my light and my help.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord.

R/ The Lord is my light and my help.

SECOND READING

In the second reading, St. Paul invites the church at Corinth to be one in heart and mind.

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1:10-13,17

I appeal to you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgement. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarrelling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptize

but to preach the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

ALLELUIA (Mt 4:23)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom, and cured all kinds of sickness among the people.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew 4:12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, towards the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and

he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

HOMILY NICENE CREED PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Let us pray to our God who is gracious and merciful abounding in steadfast love that we may come to him and experience the forgiveness and love and be transformed in our lives.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

1. Lord we pray that your church may be a field hospital at the battle, which welcomes the injured and binds up the wounded, that our Holy Father Francis, Archbishop Bernard Moras and all the priests and religious may heal the broken hearted and the astray with your compassion and mercy.

2. Lord you who called the apostles as the companions of your mission, give our young men and women generosity of spirit that they may respond to your call by offering of themselves for your kingdom mission.

3. Lord we pray for various religious groups and organisations, working for the destitute, sick, abandoned that you may empower them with your compassion and love to see you in those whom they serve.

4. Lord our merciful Father

help us to experience your mercy in the Eucharist that we participate and in the sacrament of reconciliation that entering into communion with you we may live in your fellowship and friendship.

5. That we who believe in Christ may be one in heart and mind may break our narrow domestic walls of division based on colour or creed but with human compassion and care help one another and thus build a brotherly world.

Celebrant:

Let us pray: Lord grant us the serenity to accept the things that we cannot change, courage to change the things we can and the wisdom to know the difference between. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray, and in sanctifying them grant that they may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Look towards the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.
Ps 33:6*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, receiving the grace by which you bring us to new life, we may always glory in your gift. Through Christ our Lord.

REFLECTION

Mission with a vision

In and through the baptism Jesus experienced God as Abba Father and thus through that Experience he began to call persons to communion with God and one another. It is through the radical conversion of the heart, that Jesus called persons, which brings about the Kingdom of Heaven. To partake in the kingdom Mission, Jesus calls twelve disciples as his close collaborators. They are invited to Follow Jesus as he is following the will of the Father and to share that God experience with others. Jesus does not call the qualified, rather he qualifies the called. The call of Jesus was so appealing, that the first disciples James and John not only left their boats, but also their Father Zebedee. The call of Jesus will bring about a new filial relationship, of all those who do the will of the Father, becoming Jesus' brothers, sisters and Mother. Lk 8:21. This relationship is not exclusive to some but it is all inclusive. The renowned Indian Theologian Fr. George Soares Prabhu SJ in his book, "*The Dharma of Jesus*" writes, "The kingdom of God consist in the 'Kin (G) dom of brothers and sisters' who

moved with internal ever-growing awareness of the presence of God within themselves with freedom to form a community of fellowship which impels them to build a just society." It is towards this goal that Jesus began proclaim the kingdom and assured that "the kingdom of God is among you." Lk 17:21. Let us pray for this new vision of unity of all human persons who with the intellectual conviction and spiritual depth come together in freedom and fellowship to establish a just, humane and loving earth, The common home for all living beings.

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