

JUNE 19

**SAINT JULIANA FALCONIERI
VIRGIN - FOUNDRRESS, SISTER SERVANTS OF MARY**

Feast

(Solemnity for Servite Enclosed Nuns and Sisters)

Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 41 (42), 2

As the deer longs for the running waters, so my soul longs for you, O God.

Prayer of the Assembly

Lord God,
Saint Juliana was a model of chastity and penance.
Through her, you raised up
a community of consecrated women
within the family of the Servants of Mary.
May your Church always be faithful
to the love of her Bridegroom
and continue to burn brightly
with the flame of love consecrated to you alone.
(We ask this) through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Or Alternative Prayer of the Assembly

Provident and loving God, may your Church rejoice
in the witness and works of Saint Juliana,
who was a loving model for women religious
and a prudent teacher
in the following of Christ and the service of Our Lady.
We ask this) through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

First Reading for Solemnity only

Cant. 3, 1-4; 8, 6-7

A Reading from the Song of Songs

I sought the one I love

On my bed at night I sought
the man who is my sweetheart:
I sought but could not find him!
So I shall get up and go through the city;
in the streets and in the squares,
I shall seek my sweetheart.
I sought but could not find him!
I came upon the watchmen,
those who go on their rounds in the city:
“Have you seen my sweetheart?”

Barely had I passed them
when I found my sweetheart.
I caught him, would not let him go,
not till I had brought him
to my mother's house,
to the room where she conceived me!
Set me like a seal on your heart,
like a seal on your arm.
For love is strong as Death,
passion as relentless as Sheol.
The flash of it is a flash of fire,
a flame of Yahweh himself.
Love no flood can quench,
no torrents drown.
Were a man to offer all his family wealth to buy love,
contempt is all that he would gain.

This is the Word of the Lord

for Solemnity there follows the Responsorial Psalm given below

New Testament Reading

I Corinthians 7, 25-28, 32-35

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

An unmarried woman is anxious about how she may please the Lord.

Now in regard to virgins, brothers and sisters,
I have no commandment from the Lord,
but I give my opinion as one who,
by the Lord's mercy, is trustworthy.
So this is what I think best
because of the present distress:
that it is a good thing for a person to remain as he is.
Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek a separation.
Are you free of a wife? Then do not look for a wife.
If you marry, however, you do not sin,
nor does an unmarried woman sin if she marries;
but such people will experience affliction
in their earthly life,
and I would like to spare you that.
I should like you to be free of anxieties.
An unmarried man is anxious
about the things of the Lord,
how he may please the Lord.
I am telling you this for your own benefit,
not to impose a restraint upon you,
but for the sake of propriety and adherence
to the Lord without distraction.

This is the Word of the Lord

or Alternative New Testament Reading

Revelations 21, 1-5a

A Reading from the Book of Revelation

I saw the new Jerusalem, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth.
The former heaven and the former earth had passed away,
and the sea was no more.
I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
“Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race.
He will dwell with them and they will be his people
and God himself will always be with them as their God.
He will wipe every tear from their eyes,
and there shall be no more death or mourning,
wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away.”
The one who sat on the throne said,
“Behold, I make all things new.”

This is the Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps.62 (63), 2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-9

R/. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God

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/. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God

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/. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God

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/. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God

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

My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.

R/. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God

Gospel Acclamation

Song of Songs 2, 14

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let me see you, let me hear your voice,
For your voice is sweet, and you are lovely. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:1-13

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins
who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.

Five of them were foolish and five were wise.

The foolish ones, when taking their lamps,
brought no oil with them,

but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps.

Since the bridegroom was long delayed,
they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

At midnight, there was a cry,

‘Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’

Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps.

The foolish ones said to the wise,

‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’

But the wise ones replied,

‘No, for there may not be enough for us and you.

Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.’

While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came
and those who were ready

went into the wedding feast with him.

Then the door was locked.

Afterwards the other virgins came and said,

‘Lord, Lord, open the door for us!’

But he said in reply,

‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’

Therefore, stay awake,

for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord

or Alternative Gospel Reading

Matthew 13, 44-46

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it

Jesus said to his disciples:
“The kingdom of heaven
is like a treasure buried in a field,
which a person finds and hides again,
and out of joy goes and sells all that he has
and buys that field.
Again, the kingdom of heaven
is like a merchant searching for fine pearls.
When he finds a pearl of great price,
he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Prayer over the Gifts

As we celebrate these sacred mysteries with devotion,
we humbly implore you, Lord,
that the number and holiness of consecrated women
may increase in your Church, the bride of Christ,
so that her joy and prosperity may abound.
(We ask this) through Christ our Lord.

Preface

Teacher of the Sisters in the Service of the Virgin

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere
to give you thanks through Christ our Lord.

You graciously called Saint Juliana
to be united with the first Servants of Mary
in bonds of love and communion of mind
that she might seek you alone
and radiate innocence of life.

Moved by your Spirit,
she chose the glorious Virgin Mary as her Lady
that she might give herself more perfectly
as a spouse to Christ.

Obedient and poor, humble and penitent,
forgetful of self,
yet burning with love for her neighbour,
she attracted others to follow in her footsteps
and thus became their model and teacher.

Therefore, we too give you thanks
and praise your might as we say: Holy, holy...

Communion Antiphon

Psalm 33 (34), 9

Taste and see how good the Lord is; happy the one who takes refuge in him.

Or

Psalm 62 (63), 2

O God, you are my God whom I seek; for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts.

Prayer after Communion

Lord, on this feast of St. Juliana,
you have nourished us and filled us with joy.

We humbly pray
that we may be inflamed with love
for that Bread of Life
with which Juliana was wonderfully fed
at the hour of her death.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Solemn Blessing

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

God gave Saint Juliana
the power to triumph over evil.
Through her intercession,
may God also help you
to reject what is sinful and do what is right.

God freed Saint Juliana from the slavery of sin.
May God grant that you respect the dignity of others
and enjoy true freedom.

In your ever greater dedication to Christ,
may you consecrate the world to God
by the holiness of your lives
and your witness of the gospel.

May Almighty God bless you,
the Father, the Son and + the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Or

Prayer over the People

Lord, pour out your blessings upon your people.
Inspired by the example of Saint Juliana,
may they be confirmed in faith, strengthened in hope,
and renewed in love.
We ask this through the same Christ our Lord.

May Almighty God bless you,
the Father, the Son and + the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Note: Some biblical texts are taken from: The New American Bible <http://www.vatican.va/archives/>