

SEPTEMBER 22
DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF MONTE SENARIO
In the Basilica Church of Monte Senario

Optional Memorial

Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 68, 36

Awesome in his sanctuary is God, the God of Israel;
he gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!

Or

Isaiah 2, 3, 5b

Come let us climb the Lord's mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may instruct us in his ways and we may walk in his paths.
O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Prayer of the Assembly

Lord,
you dedicated your house in Mary's honour
on the heights of Monte Senario
by the work of our Seven Holy Fathers.
Grant that those who climb this mountain to pray
moved by their love of Mary
may know your Son more perfectly
and spread his reign far and wide.
(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

Isaiah 56, 1, 6-7

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

I will bring them to my holy mountain

Thus says the Lord:
Observe what is right, do what is just;
for my salvation is about to come,
my justice, about to be revealed.
And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
ministering to him,
loving the name of the Lord,
and becoming his servants —
all who keep the sabbath free from profanation
and hold to my covenant,
them I will bring to my holy mountain
and make joyful in my house of prayer.
Their holocausts and sacrifices
will be acceptable on my altar,
for my house shall be called
a house of prayer for all peoples.

This is the Word of the Lord

or Alternative First Reading

I Peter 2, 4-9

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter

Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house

Beloved, come to the Lord, a living stone,
rejected by human beings
but chosen and precious in the sight of God,
and, like living stones,
let yourselves be built into a spiritual house
to be a holy priesthood
to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God
through Jesus Christ.

For it says in scripture:

“Behold, I am laying a stone in Zion,
a cornerstone, chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in it shall not be put to shame.”

Therefore, its value is for you who have faith,
but for those without faith:

*“The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,” and
“A stone that will make people stumble,
and a rock that will make them fall.”*

They stumble by disobeying the word, as is their destiny.

But you are *“a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, a people of his own,
so that you may announce the praises”*
of him who called you out of darkness
into his wonderful light.

This is the Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 83 (84), 3, 4, 5-6a, 8a, 11

R/. How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts

My soul is longing and yearning,
is yearning for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my soul ring out their joy
to God, the living God.

R/. How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts

The sparrow herself finds a home
and the swallow a nest for her brood;
she lays her young by your altars,
Lord of hosts, my king and my God.

R/. How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts

They are happy, who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.
They are happy, whose strength is in you.

R/. How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts

They walk with ever growing strength.
One day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.
The threshold of the house of God
I prefer to the dwellings of the wicked.

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Gospel Acclamation Ezekiel 37, 27

Alleluia! Alleluia.
My dwelling shall be with them;
I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Alleluia!

or

Psalm 42 (43), 3

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Send forth your light and your truth;
Let them bring me to your holy mountain,
to the place where you dwell. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

John 4, 19-24

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

True worshippers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth

At that time, a Samaritan woman said to Jesus:
“Sir, I can see that you are a prophet.
Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain;
but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem.”
Jesus said to her,
“Believe me, woman, the hour is coming
when you will worship the Father
neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.
You people worship what you do not understand;
we worship what we understand,
because salvation is from the Jews.
But the hour is coming, and is now here,
when true worshippers
will worship the Father in Spirit and truth;
and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him.
God is Spirit, and those who worship him
must worship in Spirit and truth.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Prayer over the Offerings

We beseech you, O God,
receive these sacrificial gifts
that we offer to your majesty
in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary
to whom this basilica of Monte Senario is consecrated.
By her prayers increase and maintain

the gifts of the Holy Spirit in our hearts.
(We ask this) through Christ our Lord.

Preface for the Dedication of Monte Senario

Monte Senario, sole inheritance of the Servants of Mary

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
We do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
through Christ our Lord.
You revealed yourself when you gave your call
to patriarchs and prophets on chosen mountains.
It was you who led our seven holy Fathers to Monte Senario
to give birth to the Servite Family.
There they found a place of silence and prayer,
fraternal harmony and peace,
and service and devotion to the Virgin Mary.
By your inspiration,
this special mountain exists as the inheritance
of all Servants of Mary,
who turn their eyes toward it.
By following more closely in the footsteps of the Fathers,
may they descend the mountain of justice
with spirits renewed.
And therefore, with all the angels and saints,
we praise you for ever, saying: Holy, Holy...

Communion Antiphon

I Corinthians 3,16-17

Are you not aware that you are the temple of God
and that the spirit of God dwells in you?
For the temple of God is holy and you are that temple.

Or

I Peter 2, 5

You, too, are living stones, built as an edifice of spirit
into a holy priesthood.

Prayer after Communion

O Lord, in your compassion,
grant that we who eat your holy meal
may faithfully hear your voice
in the midst of this world's darkness
and joyfully contemplate your face
in heavenly glory.
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Prayer of the Assembly

O God,
all nature is the temple of your glory,
but you are also worshipped in sacred buildings.
Mercifully grant that we
who celebrate the dedication
of the Basilica of Monte Senario
may everywhere adore you in spirit and in truth
and every day show forth
greater love of Our Lady.
(We ask this) through our Lord Jesus Christ
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
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O Lord,
nourished by the sacraments
and filled with joy,
we honour the Blessed Virgin Mary,
to whom the basilica of Monte Senario is dedicated.
We humbly ask that we,
who have been fed with the Body of Christ,
may be filled with his Spirit.
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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