

**CHRISTMAS SEASON
OUR LADY OF CANA**

Entrance Antiphon

cf. John 2, 1, 11

There was a wedding at Cana of Galilee and the mother of Jesus was there:
Christ revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

Prayer of the Assembly

All-holy Father,
in your divine wisdom and love
you chose that the Blessed Virgin Mary
should play her part
in the mysteries of our salvation;
grant that, by heeding the words of Christ's mother,
we may do what he commands us
in the Gospel he has given us,
for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever.

First Reading

Exodus 18, 3-8a

A reading from the Book of Exodus

Whatever the Lord has spoken, we will do

Moses went up the mountain to God.
Then the Lord called to him and said,
"Thus shall you say to the house of Jacob;
tell the Israelites: You have seen for yourselves
how I treated the Egyptians
and how I bore you up on eagle wings
and brought you here to myself.
Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant,
you shall be my special possession,
dearer to me than all other people,
though all the earth is mine.
You shall be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation.
That is what you must tell the Israelites."
So Moses went and summoned the elders of the people.
When he set before them
all that the Lord had ordered him to tell them,
the people all answered together,
"Everything the Lord has said, we will do."

This is the Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118 (119), 1-2, 10-11, 12 & 14, 15-16

R/. O Lord, you commanded that your precepts be kept with care

They are happy whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law!

They are happy who do his will,
seeking him with all their hearts.

R/. O Lord, you commanded that your precepts be kept with care

I have sought you with all my heart;
let me not stray from your commands.
I treasure your promise in my heart
lest I sin against you.

R/. O Lord, you commanded that your precepts be kept with care

Blessed are you, O Lord;
teach me your statutes.
I rejoiced to do your will
as they all riches were mine.

R/. O Lord, you commanded that your precepts be kept with care

I will ponder all your precepts
and consider your paths.
I take delight in your statutes;
I will not forget your word.

R/. O Lord, you commanded that your precepts be kept with care

Gospel Acclamation

cf. Luke 11, 27

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it. Blessed is holy Mary who fully obeyed
God's will. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

John 2, 1-12

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Do whatever he tells you

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana in Galilee,
and the mother of Jesus was there.
Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding.
When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him,
“They have no wine.”
And Jesus said to her,
“Woman, how does your concern affect me?
My hour has not yet come.”
His mother said to the servers, “Do whatever he tells you.”
Now there were six stone water jars there
for Jewish ceremonial washings,
each holding twenty to thirty gallons.
Jesus told them, “Fill the jars with water.”
So they filled them to the brim.
Then he told them,
“Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter.”
So they took it.

And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine,
without knowing where it came from
(although the servers who had drawn the water knew),
the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him,
“Everyone serves good wine first,
and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one;
but you have kept the good wine until now.”
Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee
and so revealed his glory,
and his disciples began to believe in him.
After this, he and his mother,
his brothers, and his disciples went down to Capernaum
and stayed there only a few days.

\This is the Gospel of the Lord

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord,
with loving hearts we bring you these gifts;
change them into the body and blood
of Jesus Christ, your Son,
who at the request of his mother
changed water into wine
and by this miraculous sign
foreshadowed the hour of his death and resurrection.
(We ask this) through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Our Lady of Cana

Our Lady tells the attendants to do what her Son commands

Father all-holy, we do well always
to glorify you and give you thanks
on this celebration of the glorious Virgin Mary.
With loving care for the bridegroom and his bride
she turns to her Son for help
and tells the servants to do what he commands.
Water is changed into wine, the wedding guests rejoice,
as Christ foreshadows the wedding feast
that is his daily gift to his Bride, the Church.
In this great sign the presence of the Messiah is proclaimed,
the outpouring of the Holy Spirit is foretold,
and the hour of salvation is foreshadowed
when Christ will clothe himself with the royal robes of his passion
to shed his blood on the cross for his Bride, the Church.
Through him the angels of heaven offer their prayer of adoration
as they rejoice in your presence for ever.
May our voices be one with theirs
in their triumphant hymn of praise: Holy, Holy...

Communion Antiphon

Blessed are you, Virgin Mary: through you your Son gave the first of his signs;
the Bridegroom prepared the new wine for his Bride;
through you the disciples learned to believe in their Master.

Prayer after Communion

Filled, Lord God, with the sacrificial meal
of the body and blood of Christ,
we ask that, in imitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
we may follow Christ faithfully ,
provide for the needs of the Church
and together foreshadow the coming of your kingdom
by our unity of mind and heart.
(We ask this) through Christ our Lord.

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