

MAY 11

**BLESSED BENINCASA
FRIAR SERVANT OF MARY - HERMIT**

Optional Memorial

Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 15 (16), 5-6

O Lord, my allotted portion and my cup. It is you who hold fast my lot. For me the measuring lines have fallen on pleasant sites. Fair to me indeed is my inheritance.

Prayer of the Assembly

Lord our God,
your Son's example led Blessed Benincasa
to a life of solitude and work.
Strengthened by prayer and penance,
may we more effectively
fulfill the demands of Christian life.
(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

Philippians 3, 8-14

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

I have accepted the loss of all things, that I may gain Christ.

Beloved, I consider everything as a loss
because of the supreme good
of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.
For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things
and I consider them so much rubbish,
that I may gain Christ and be found in him,
not having any righteousness of my own
based on the law
but that which comes through faith in Christ,
the righteousness from God,
depending on faith to know him
and the power of his resurrection
and the sharing of his sufferings
by being conformed to his death,
if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.
It is not that I have already taken hold of it
or have already attained perfect maturity,
but I continue my pursuit
in hope that I may possess it,
since I have indeed been taken possession of
by Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 15 (16), 1-2 & 5, 7-8, 11

R/. You are my inheritance, O Lord

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: "You are my God.
My happiness lies in you alone."
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.

R/. You are my inheritance, O Lord

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

R/. You are my inheritance, O Lord

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever.

R/. You are my inheritance, O Lord

Gospel Acclamation

cf. Luke 8, 15

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Blessed are they who embrace the Word of God
with good and generous hearts,
they will bear fruit through perseverance. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Luke 14, 25-33

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple

Great crowds were travelling with him,
and he turned and addressed them,
"If any one comes to me without hating
his father and mother, wife and children,
brothers and sisters, and even his own life,
he cannot be my disciple.
Whoever does not carry his own cross
and come after me cannot be my disciple.
Which of you wishing to construct a tower
does not first sit down and calculate the cost
to see if there is enough for its completion?
Otherwise, after laying the foundation
and finding himself unable to finish the work
the onlookers should laugh at him and say,
'This one began to build
but did not have the resources to finish.'
Or what king marching into battle

would not first sit down and decide
whether with ten thousand troops
he can successfully oppose another king
advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops?
But if not, while he is still far away,
he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms.
In the same way, everyone of you who does not renounce
all his possessions cannot be my disciple.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord,
graciously accept the gifts
we place upon your altar.
Through the intercession of Blessed Benincasa,
may we be freed from evil
and more willingly follow Christ the Lord,
who lives and reigns with you forever and ever.

Communion Antiphon

Matthew 19, 27-29

I give you my solemn word that you who have left all things and have followed me,
shall receive a hundred-fold and shall inherit everlasting life.

Prayer after Communion

Made new by this healing sacrament, Lord,
we ask your mercy.
Through the prayer of Blessed Benincasa,
may our spirit be ever in your presence
and our body rise in glory
at the coming of your only begotten Son,
who with you lives and reigns forever and ever.

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