

SEPTEMBER 1
BLESSED JOAN of FLORENCE
SISTER SERVANT OF MARY - VIRGIN

Optional Memorial

Entrance Antiphon

This is a wise virgin and one of the number of the prudent who went out with burning lamp to meet Christ.

Prayer of the Assembly

Lord God,
your grace enabled Blessed Joan
to preserve her innocence
through the simplicity of her life.
Through her intercession,
grant that the difficulties and sacrifices of our lives
may lead us to serve you with pure hearts.
(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

II Corinthians 10, 17 – 11,2

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

I betrothed you to one husband to present you as a chaste virgin to Christ

Brothers and Sisters,
whoever boasts, should boast in the Lord.
For it is not the one who recommends himself
who is approved,
but the one whom the Lord recommends.
If only you would put up with a little foolishness from me!
Please put up with me.
For I am jealous of you with the jealousy of God,
since I betrothed you to one husband
to present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.
But I am afraid that,
as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning,
your thoughts may be corrupted
from a sincere and pure commitment to Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 44 (45), 11-12, 14-15, 16-17

R/. He is your Lord, pay homage to him

Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words:
forget your own people and your father's house.

So will the king desire your beauty:
He is your Lord, pay homage to him.

R/. He is your Lord, pay homage to him

The daughter of the king is clothed with splendour,
her robes embroidered with pearls set in gold.
She is led to the king with her maiden companions.

R/. He is your Lord, pay homage to him.

They are escorted amid gladness and joy;
they pass within the palace of the king.
Sons shall be yours in place of your fathers:
you will make them princes over all the earth.

R/. He is your Lord, pay homage to him

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Come, Bride of Christ, accept the crown the Lord has prepared for you from eternity.
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Luke 10, 38-42

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Martha welcomed him into her home. Mary has chosen the better part

Jesus entered a village
where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him.
She had a sister named Mary
who sat beside the Lord at his feet
listening to him speak.
Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said,
“Lord, do you not care
that my sister has left me by myself
to do the serving?
Tell her to help me.”
The Lord said to her in reply,
“Martha, Martha,
you are anxious and worried about many things.
There is need of only one thing.
Mary has chosen the better part
and it will not be taken from her.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord,
on this memorial of Blessed Joan,
we bring the gifts of our devotion
to be consecrated to you

who give them meaning in this life
that we may not lose
what has been promised in the next.
(We ask this) through Christ our Lord.

Preface for Virgins and Religious

The signs of a life consecrated to God

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks.
Today we honor your saints
who consecrated their lives to Christ
for the sake of the kingdom of heaven.
What love you show us
as you recall humanity to its first innocence,
and invite us to taste on earth
the gifts of the world to come!
Now with the saints and all the angels
we praise you forever: Holy, Holy...

Communion Antiphon

Matthew 25,6

The groom is here! Come and greet Christ the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Confirm in us, O Lord,
the gifts of your grace,
so that, nourished by your sacraments
of life and reconciliation
and following in the footsteps of Blessed Joan,
we may reach eternal life.
(We ask this) through Christ our Lord.

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