

DECEMBER 10

BLESSED JEROME of SANT'ANGELO in VADO
FRIAR SERVANT OF MARY - PRIEST

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 God,
you poured out the gifts of the Holy Spirit
on Blessed Jerome.
May he intercede for us,
so that, filled with the wisdom of Christ,
we may always act with prudence and discretion.
(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

Proverbs 2, 1-9

A reading from the Book of Proverbs

Incline your heart to understanding

My son, if you receive my words and treasure my commands,
turning your ear to wisdom,
inclining your heart to understanding;
Yes, if you call to intelligence,
and to understanding raise your voice;
If you seek her like silver,
and like hidden treasures search her out:
Then will you understand the fear of the Lord;
the knowledge of God you will find.
For the Lord gives wisdom,
from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;
He has counsel in store for the upright,
he is the shield of those who walk honestly,
Guarding the paths of justice,
protecting the way of his pious ones.
Then you will understand rectitude and justice,
honesty, every good path.

This is the Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33 (34), 2-3, 4-5, 10-11, 12-13

R/. I will bless the Lord at all times

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;

in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.

R/. I will bless the Lord at all times

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free.

I R/. I will bless the Lord at all times

Revere the Lord, you his saints.
They lack nothing, those who revere him.
Strong lions suffer want and go hungry
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

R/. I will bless the Lord at all times

Come, children, and hear me
that I may teach you the fear of the Lord.
Who is he who longs for life
and many days, to enjoy his prosperity?

R/. I will bless the Lord at all times

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 118(119), 105

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light for my path. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5, 13-19

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You are the light of the world

Jesus said to his disciples:

“You are the salt of the earth.

But if salt loses its taste,

with what can it be seasoned?

It is no longer good for anything

but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

You are the light of the world.

A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.

Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket;

it is set on a lampstand,

where it gives light to all in the house.

Just so, your light must shine before others,

that they may see your good deeds

and glorify your heavenly Father.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, these sacrificial gifts
offered for the salvation of your people.
Through these gifts
and the intercession of Blessed Jerome,
may we flee from the enticements to sin
and draw near to heavenly things.
(We ask this) through Christ our Lord.

Preface for Holy Men and Women

The glory of the saints

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks.
You are glorified in your saints,
for their glory is the crowning of your gifts.
In their lives on earth,
you give us an example.
In our communion with them,
you give us their friendship.
In their prayer for the Church,
you give us strength and protection.
This great company of witnesses spurs us on to victory,
to share their prize of everlasting glory
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
With angels and archangels
and the whole company of saints,
we sing our unending hymn of praise: Holy, Holy...

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

Lord, may the mysteries we have shared
in memory of Blessed Jerome
be helpful to us.
May they remove all duplicity of thought,
make us constant in seeking truth
and keep us sincere in mutual love.
(We ask this) through Christ our Lord.

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