

## EASTER SEASON

### OUR LADY OF THE CENACLE

#### Entrance Antiphon

cf. Acts 1, 14

With one heart the disciples continue steadfast in prayer  
with Mary the mother of Jesus, alleluia!

#### Prayer of the Assembly

Lord our God,  
as the Blessed Virgin was at prayer with the apostles  
you poured out on her  
the gifts of the Holy Spirit in abundance;  
grant through her intercession  
that we too, being filled with the same Spirit,  
may persevere with one mind in prayer  
and bring the good news of salvation  
to the world around us.

(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

Acts 1, 6-14

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

*You will receive power when the holy Spirit comes upon you*

After the resurrection of Jesus,  
the apostles gathered together around him and asked,  
“Lord, are you at this time going to restore  
the kingdom to Israel?”  
He answered them,  
“It is not for you to know the times or seasons  
that the Father has established by his own authority.  
But you will receive power  
when the holy Spirit comes upon you,  
and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem,  
throughout Judea and Samaria,  
and to the ends of the earth.”  
When he had said this,  
as they were looking on, he was lifted up,  
and a cloud took him from their sight.  
While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going,  
suddenly two men dressed in white garments  
stood beside them.  
They said,  
“Men of Galilee, why are you standing there  
looking at the sky?  
This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven  
will return in the same way  
as you have seen him going into heaven.”  
Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem  
from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem,

a sabbath day's journey away..  
When the apostles entered the city  
they went to the upper room where they were staying,  
Peter and John and James and Andrew,  
Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew,  
James son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot,  
and Judas son of James.  
All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer,  
together with some women,  
and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

**This is the Word of the Lord**

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 86 (87), 1-2, 3 & 5, 6-7

**R/. Glorious things are told of you, O city of God**

On the holy mountain is his city  
cherished by the Lord.  
The Lord prefers the gates of Zion  
to all Jacob's dwellings.

**R/. Glorious things are told of you, O city of God**

Of you are told glorious things,  
O city of God!  
Zion shall be called "Mother"  
for all shall be her children.

**R/. Glorious things are told of you, O city of God**

It is he, the Lord Most High,  
who gives each his place.  
In his register of peoples he writes:  
"These are her children,"  
and while they dance they will sing:  
"In you all find their home."

**R/. Glorious things are told of you, O city of God**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Luke 2, 19

Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Blessed is the virgin Mary, who kept the word of God,  
and pondered it in her heart. Alleluia!

**Gospel Acclamation**

Luke 8, 19-21

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and put it into practice.*

The mother of Jesus and his brothers came to him  
but were unable to join him because of the crowd.

He was told,  
“Your mother and your brothers are standing outside  
and they wish to see you.”  
He said to them in reply,  
“My mother and my brothers  
are those who hear the word of God and act on it.”

### **This is the Gospel of the Lord**

#### **or Alternative Acclamation**

cf. John 14, 16

Alleluia! Alleluia!  
I shall ask the Father and the Father shall give you another  
Advocate to be with you forever. Alleluia!

#### **or Alternative Gospel Reading**

Luke 24, 44-53

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high*

Jesus said to the eleven and those with him, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you,  
that everything written about me in the law of Moses  
and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled.”  
Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures.  
And he said to them,  
“Thus it is written that the Messiah would suffer  
and rise from the dead on the third day  
and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins,  
would be preached in his name to all the nations,  
beginning from Jerusalem.  
You are witnesses of these things.  
And behold I am sending the promise of my Father upon you;  
but stay in the city  
until you are clothed with power from on high.”  
Then Jesus led them out as far as Bethany,  
raised his hands, and blessed them.  
As he blessed them he parted from them  
and was taken up to heaven.  
They did Jesus homage  
and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy,  
and they were continually in the temple praising God.

### **The Gospel of the Lord**

#### **Prayer over the Offerings**

All-holy Father,  
receive these gifts from joyful hearts  
and grant that we may follow closely  
the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
by obeying the voice of the Spirit  
and seeking to praise your glory in all things.  
(We ask this) through Christ our Lord.

## **Preface of Our Lady of the Cenacle**

*The Blessed Virgin, at prayer with the apostles, awaits the coming of the Paraclete*

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,  
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks.

How wonderful is the example you have given us  
of harmony and prayer in the Church at its beginning:  
you show us the mother of Jesus  
as she prays with the apostles  
in oneness of mind and heart.

She who waited in prayer for the coming of Christ  
is still at prayer as she calls upon the promised Paraclete;  
she who was overshadowed by the Spirit  
at the incarnation of the Word  
is once more filled with your Gift from on high  
at the birth of God's new people.

As she keeps vigil in prayer, her heart on fire with love,  
she is the model of the Church,  
enriched by the gifts of the Spirit  
and keeping watch for the Second Coming of Christ.

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**

Acts 2, 42

The disciples continued steadfast in the teaching of the apostles,  
in communion of spirit, in the breaking of bread  
and in the practice of prayer, alleluia.

## **Prayer after Communion**

Lord God,  
you have fed your holy people  
with the one bread of life;  
renew us by the one gift of the Holy Spirit  
and grant that,  
under the protection of the Blessed Virgin,  
we may work for the unity and peace of all those  
for whom your Son offered himself  
as the sacrifice of our redemption.  
(We ask this) through Christ our Lord.

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