

JULY 4
BLESSED UBALD of BORGO SAN SEPOLCRO
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 are the source of pure and consecrated love.
By imitating Blessed Ubald,
may we, your servants, give you glory
through the holiness of our bodies
and our singleness of mind and heart.
(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 4, 4-9

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

Whatever is just, think about these things

Rejoice in the Lord always.
I shall say it again: rejoice!
Your kindness should be known to all.
The Lord is near.
Have no anxiety at all,
but in everything, by prayer and petition,
with thanksgiving,
make your requests known to God.
Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding
will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
Finally, brothers and sisters,
whatever is true, whatever is honorable,
whatever is just, whatever is pure,
whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious,
if there is any excellence and
if there is anything worthy of praise,
think about these things.
Keep on doing what you have
learned and received and heard and seen in me.
Then the God of peace will be with you.
This is the Word of the Lord

or Alternative First Reading

Sirach 6, 5-8, 14-17

A reading from the Book of Sirach

Whoever finds a faithful friend, finds a treasure

A kind mouth multiplies friends,
and gracious lips prompt friendly greetings.
Let your acquaintances be many,
but one in a thousand your confidant.
When you gain a friend, first test him,
and be not too ready to trust him.
For one sort of friend is a friend when it suits him,
but he will not be with you in time of distress.
A faithful friend is a sturdy shelter;
he who finds one finds a treasure.
A faithful friend is beyond price,
no sum can balance his worth.
A faithful friend is a life-saving remedy,
such as he who fears God finds;
For he who fears God behaves accordingly,
and his friend will be like himself.

This is the Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 13 (14), 2-3 ab, 3c-4,5

R/. The just one shall dwell on your holy mountain, Lord

Lord, who shall be admitted to your tent
and dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart;
he who does not slander with his tongue;

R/. The just one shall dwell on your holy mountain, Lord

He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbor,
who holds the Godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord;
he who keeps his pledge, come what may;

R/. The just one shall dwell on your holy mountain, Lord

Who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm forever.

R/. The just one shall dwell on your holy mountain, Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 5, 8

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Luke 12, 35-40

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

You also must be prepared

Jesus said to his disciples:
“Gird your loins and light your lamps
and be like servants
who await their master’s return from a wedding,
ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks.
Blessed are those servants
whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival.
Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself,
have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them.
And should he come in the second or third watch
and find them prepared in this way,
blessed are those servants.
Be sure of this:
if the master of the house had known
the hour when the thief was coming,
he would not have let his house be broken into.
You also must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord,
accept the sacrifice we joyfully offer you
and, through the intercession of Blessed Ubald,
grant that we celebrate these holy mysteries
with pure and generous hearts.
(We ask this) through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Pastors

The presence of shepherds in the Church

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks.
You give the Church this feast
in honour of your servant Blessed Ubald
You inspire us by his holy life,
instruct us by his preaching,
and give us your protection
in answer to his prayers.
We join the angels and the saints
as they sing their 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 this sacrament which we have received
on the feast of Blessed Ubald
fill us with joy
and make us holy in mind and body.
(We ask this) through Christ our Lord.

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