

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *(John 15:9)*

As the Father loves me, so I also love you; remain in my love, says the Lord, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having fed upon these heavenly delights, we pray, O Lord, that in imitation of Saint Philip we may always long for that food by which we truly live. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Jesus says eternal life is knowing God and Jesus, whom God sent.

● **How has my knowledge of Jesus grown during this Easter season?**

Jesus, help me to know you better by...

WEDNESDAY MAY 27

EASTER WEEKDAY

[**St. Augustine of Canterbury**, *bishop (d.c. 604)*]

In 596, Pope Gregory the Great sent Augustine—then prior of St. Andrew’s monastery in Rome—and about 40 monks to evangelize England. The group was well received and Augustine was soon made bishop and instructed to develop a hierarchy for England and to substitute Christian feasts for pagan celebrations. Apart from the Welsh refusal to accept Augustine and the Roman traditions he proposed, the mission was successful. Augustine established a Benedictine monastery at Canterbury. As the first Archbishop of Canterbury and the “Apostle of the English,” Augustine continued to work for the faith in Britain until his death. Like him, let us bring Christ to those who do not yet know him. ●

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(Psalm 47 [46]:2)

All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of
joy, alleluia.

COLLECT

Graciously grant to your
Church, O merciful God,
that, gathered by the Holy
Spirit,
she may be devoted to you
with all her heart
and united in purity of
intent.

Through our Lord Jesus
Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with
you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

READING *(Acts 20:28-38)*

At Miletus, Paul spoke to the presbyters of the Church of Ephesus: “Keep watch over yourselves and over the whole

flock of which the Holy Spirit has appointed you overseers, in which you tend the Church of God that he acquired with his own Blood. I know that after my departure savage wolves will come among you, and they will not spare the flock. And from your own group, men will come forward perverting the truth to draw the disciples away after them. So be vigilant and remember that for three years, night and day, I unceasingly admonished each of you with tears. And now I commend you to God and to that gracious word of his that can build you up and give you the inheritance among all who are consecrated. I have never wanted anyone’s silver or gold or clothing. You know well that these very hands have served my needs and my companions. In every way I have shown you that by hard work of that sort we must help the

weak, and keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus who himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

When he had finished speaking he knelt down and prayed with them all. They were all weeping loudly as they threw their arms around Paul and kissed him, for they were deeply distressed that he had said that they would never see his face again. Then they escorted him to the ship.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Psalm 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab)

R Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth. **OR** Alleluia.

Show forth, O God,
 your power,
 the power, O God, with
 which you took our part;
 For your temple in
 Jerusalem
 let the kings bring
 you gifts. **R**
 You kingdoms of the

earth, sing to God,
 chant praise to the Lord
 who rides on the heights
 of the ancient heavens.

Behold, his voice resounds,
 the voice of power:

“Confess the power
 of God!” **R**

Over Israel is his majesty;
 his power is in the skies.

Awesome in his sanctuary is
 God, the God of Israel;

he gives power and
 strength to his people. **R**

ALLELUIA (See John 17:17b, 17a)

Alleluia, alleluia. Your word, O Lord, is truth; consecrate us in the truth. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL (John 17:11b-19)

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed, saying: “Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one. When I was with

them I protected them in your name that you gave me, and I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you. I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely. I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not

belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the Evil One. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for

Today's Good News

“But now I am coming to you. I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely” (John 17:13). »

All of Jesus' words were spoken to us so that we might share in his joy. He spoke of going home to his Father, and that, too, was spoken for our joy. What happened to Jesus would also happen to us. His resurrection would bring a new fullness of life, and that was to be our gift too. Recently I celebrated a Mass of Resurrection for the husband of one of my friends. Although she deeply felt the pain of loss, she said, “He’s home with God now. Now he’s fully alive.” Her words were full of hope. In the midst of her sorrow, she was able to feel a ripple of joy for her husband who is alive now in a new way. God loves us so much that God wants to be with us always. And so our lives are changed but never snatched away from us. Now that is a cause for joy! **FR. KENNETH GRABNER, CSC**

them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth.”

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, we pray,
the sacrifices instituted
by your commands,
and through the sacred
mysteries,
which we celebrate
as our dutiful service,
graciously complete
the sanctifying work
by which you are pleased to
redeem us.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(John 15:26-27)

When the Paraclete comes,
whom I will send you, the
Spirit of Truth who proceeds
from the Father, he will bear
witness to me, and you also
will bear witness, says the
Lord, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May our partaking of this
divine Sacrament, O Lord,
constantly increase your
grace within us,
and, by cleansing us with its
power,
make us always ready
to receive so great a gift.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Jesus wants us to be one with him
and share his joy.

● **What special joy have I felt
recently?**

Jesus, I rejoice because...