

FIRST READING

Colossians 3: 12-17

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The word of the Lord.

Reply: Thanks be to God.

Colossesi 3: 12-17

Vestitevi, dunque, come eletti di Dio, santi e amati, di sentimenti di misericordia, di benevolenza, di umiltà, di mansuetudine, di pazienza. Sopportatevi gli uni gli altri e perdonatevi a vicenda, se uno ha di che dolersi di un altro. Come il Signore vi ha perdonati, così fate anche voi. Al di sopra di tutte queste cose vestitevi dell'amore che è il vincolo della perfezione. E la pace di Cristo, alla quale siete stati chiamati per essere un solo corpo, regni nei vostri cuori; e siate riconoscenti.

La parola di Cristo abiti in voi abbondantemente, ammaestrando ed esortando gli uni gli altri con ogni sapienza, cantando di cuore a Dio, sotto l'impulso della grazia, salmi, inni e cantici spirituali. Qualunque cosa facciate, in parole o in opere, fate ogni cosa nel nome del Signore Gesù, ringraziando Dio Padre per mezzo di lui.

Parola di Dio.

Risposta: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 145

(R) - *How good is the Lord to all.*

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R)

All your works shall thank you, O Lord,
and all your faithful ones bless you.
The eyes of all look to you
and you give them their food in due season. (R)

The Lord is righteous in all his ways
and holy in all his deeds.
The Lord is close to all who call him,
who call on him in truth. (R)

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 13: 2-13

If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness

comes, what is in part disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

The word of the Lord.

Reply: Thanks be to God.

1 Corinzi 13: 2-13

Se avessi il dono di profezia e conoscessi tutti i misteri e tutta la scienza e avessi tutta la fede in modo da spostare i monti, ma non avessi amore, non sarei nulla. Se distribuissi tutti i miei beni per nutrire i poveri, se dessi il mio corpo a essere arso, e non avessi amore, non mi gioverebbe a niente. L'amore è paziente, è benevolo; l'amore non invidia; l'amore non si vanta, non si gonfia, non si comporta in modo sconveniente, non cerca il proprio interesse, non s'inasprisce, non addebita il male, non gode dell'ingiustizia, ma gioisce con la verità; soffre ogni cosa, crede ogni cosa, spera ogni cosa, sopporta ogni cosa.

L'amore non verrà mai meno. Le profezie verranno abolite; le lingue cesseranno e la conoscenza verrà abolita; poiché noi conosciamo in parte, e in parte profetizziamo; ma quando la perfezione sarà venuta, quello che è solo in parte sarà abolito. Quando ero bambino, parlavo da bambino, pensavo da bambino, ragionavo da bambino; ma quando sono diventato uomo, ho smesso le cose da bambino. Poiché ora vediamo come in uno specchio, in modo oscuro; ma allora vedremo faccia a faccia; ora conosco in parte; ma allora conoscerò pienamente, come anche sono stato perfettamente conosciuto.

Ora dunque queste tre cose durano: fede, speranza, amore; ma la più grande di esse è l'amore.

Parola di Dio.

Risposta: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

Reply: And with your spirit

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Reply: Glory to you, O Lord

1 John 4: 11-19

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

We love because he first loved us.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Reply: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

1 Giovanni 4: 11-19

Carissimi, se Dio ci ha tanto amati, anche noi dobbiamo amarci gli uni gli altri. Nessuno ha mai visto Dio; se ci amiamo gli uni gli altri, Dio rimane in noi e il suo amore diventa perfetto in noi. Da questo conosciamo che rimaniamo in lui ed egli in noi: dal fatto che ci ha dato del suo Spirito. E noi abbiamo veduto e testimoniamo che il Padre ha mandato il Figlio per essere il Salvatore del mondo. Chi riconosce pubblicamente che Gesù è il Figlio di Dio, Dio rimane in lui ed egli in Dio.

Noi abbiamo conosciuto l'amore che Dio ha per noi, e vi abbiamo creduto.
Dio è amore; e chi rimane nell'amore rimane in Dio e Dio rimane in lui.
In questo l'amore è reso perfetto in noi: che nel giorno del giudizio abbiamo fiducia, perché qual egli è, tali siamo anche noi in questo mondo. Nell'amore non c'è paura; anzi, l'amore perfetto caccia via la paura, perché chi ha paura teme un castigo. Quindi chi ha paura non è perfetto nell'amore. Noi amiamo perché egli ci ha amati per primo.

Risposta: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE HOMILY

HYMN: All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain:

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful:
The Lord God made them all.

Each little flow'r that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors,
He made their tiny wings.

The purple-headed mountains,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning
That brightens up the sky.

He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.

THE QUESTIONS BEFORE THE CONSENT

THE CIVIL DECLARATION OF FREEDOM

THE CONSENT

THE RECEPTION OF THE CONSENT

Let us bless the Lord.

Reply: Thanks be to God.

THE BLESSING AND GIVING OF RINGS

HYMN: Here I am, Lord

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if you lead me
I will hold your people in my heart

I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save

I, who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them
My hand will save

Finest bread I will provide
'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them
Whom shall I send?

THE UNIVERSAL PRAYER (Prayer of the Faithful)

After each intention there is a pause while the faithful pray.

Lord, in your mercy.

Reply: Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.*

THE NUPTIAL BLESSING

The Priest prays for and blesses the couple so that they may grow in love and fidelity.

Reply: Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord be with you.

Reply: And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Reply: Amen.

SIGNING OF THE REGISTER

Ave Maria by Franz Schubert

RECESSIONAL: Lord of the Dance

Refrain:

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance and they would not follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
They came with me and the dance went on.

They cut me down and I leapt up high,
I am the life that'll never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.