

MASS FOR THE HOLY YEAR

Lectionary Readings

These readings may be used at Mass whenever special celebrations are held on the occasion of the Holy Year, except on Solemnities, Sundays and Feasts, the days within the Octave of Easter, the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, Ash Wednesday and the weekdays of Holy Week. During the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter, the readings of the weekday are used for the Liturgy of the Word.

FIRST READING

61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9

The Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor and to give them the oil of gladness.

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor;
he has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
to proclaim the year of the LORD'S favour,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to grant to those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit.
You shall be called the priests of the LORD;
they shall speak of you as the ministers of our God.
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
Their offspring shall be known among the nations,
and their descendants in the midst of the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge them,
that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed.

The word of the Lord.

Or:

A reading from the book of Leviticus.

- 1 The Lord spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai, saying:
2 “Speak to the people of Israel and say to them:
When you enter the land that I am giving you,
10 you shall hallow the fiftieth year
and you shall proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants.
It shall be a jubilee for you:
you shall return, every one of you, to your property
and every one of you to your family.
- 11 “That fiftieth year shall be a jubilee for you:
you shall not sow, or reap the after growth, or harvest the unpruned vines.
12 For it is a jubilee; it shall be holy to you:
you shall eat only what the field itself produces.
13 In this year of jubilee you shall return,
every one of you, to your property.
- 25 “If anyone of your kin falls into difficulty and sells a piece of property,
then the next of kin shall come and redeem what the relative has sold.
28 But if there is not sufficient means to recover it,
what was sold shall remain with the purchaser until the year of jubilee;
in the jubilee it shall be released, and the property shall be returned.
- 39 “If any who are dependent on you become so impoverished
that they sell themselves to you,
you shall not make them serve as slaves.
40 They shall remain with you as hired or bound labourers.
They shall serve with you until the year of the jubilee.
41 Then they and their children with them shall be free from your authority;
they shall go back to their own family and return to their ancestral property.
- 55 “For to me the people of Israel are servants;
they are my servants whom I brought out from the land of Egypt:
I am the Lord your God.”

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 89 (88): 20-21. 24, 26 R. 1a

R. I will sing for ever of your mercies, O Lord.

I have found my servant David,
and with my holy oil anointed him.
My hand shall always be with him,
and my arm shall make him strong. *R.*

My mercy and my faithfulness shall be with him;
by my name his might shall be exalted.
He will call out to me, 'You are my father,
my God, the rock of my salvation'. *R.*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brother and Sisters:

Hope does not put us to shame,

because God's love has been poured into our hearts

through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For while we were still weak,

at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—

though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—

but God shows his love for us in that while we were sinners,

Christ died for us.

Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood,

much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

For if while we were enemies

we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son,

much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

Or:

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1.3-14

God chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world.

The shorter version (3-10) ends at the asterisk.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

- 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in Christ
with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.
- 4 Before the foundation of the world God chose us in Christ
to be holy and blameless before him in love.
- 5 God destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ,
according to the good pleasure of God's will;
- 6 this is for the praise of his glorious grace
that God freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.
- 7 In Christ we have redemption through his blood,
the forgiveness of our trespasses,
according to the riches of his grace
- 8 that he lavished on us.
- With all wisdom and insight
- 9 God has made known to us the mystery of his will,
according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ,
- 10 as a plan for the fullness of time,
to gather up all things in Christ,
things in heaven and things on earth. *
- 11 In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance,
having been destined according to the purpose of God
who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will,
- 12 so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ,
might live for the praise of his glory.
- 13 In him you also,
when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation,
and had believed in him,
were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.
- 14 This is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption
as God's own people,
to the praise of his glory.

The word of the Lord.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Cf. 61:1 (Lk 4:18)

R. Alleluia, Alleluia

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor.

R. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Luke 4.14-22a

Today this scripture has been fulfilled.

+ A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

- 14 Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit,
returned to Galilee,
and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country.
- 15 He began to teach in their synagogues
and was praised by everyone.
- 16 When he came to Nazareth,
where he had been brought up,
Jesus went to the synagogue on the sabbath day,
as was his custom. He stood up to read,
- 17 and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him.
He unrolled the scroll
and found the place where it was written:
- 18 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
- 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.”
- 20 And Jesus rolled up the scroll,
gave it back to the attendant, and sat down.
The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.
- 21 Then Jesus began to say to them,
“Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”
- 22 All spoke well of him
and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth.
- The Gospel of the Lord.