

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 118:137,124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

FIRST READING 33:7-9 Page 481

A reading from the book of Ezekiel.

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, "Son of Man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name.

If I say to a wicked man: "Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death.

If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life."

✚ **The word of the Lord.** ✚



Responsorial Psalm

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans. 13:8-10 page 482

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

* Avoid getting into debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, and you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command:

You must love your neighbours as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments. *

✚ **The word of the Lord.** ✚

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Page 483 18:15-20

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

★ Jesus said to his disciples: "If your brother does something wrong; go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witness is required to sustain any charge.

But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

"I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them." ★

◆ **The Gospel of the Lord.** ◆



COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant that your faithful, O Lord, whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his life.

◆ **Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.** ◆