

4 February

SAINT MARIA DE MATTIAS, virgin and foundress

SOLEMNITY

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

cf. Ps 47:1; 99:2; Lk 1:68

All you peoples, clap your hands,
shout to God with cries of gladness.
The Lord, our God,
has visited and redeemed us,
in his Son, Jesus Christ.

The Gloria is sung or recited.

OPENING PRAYER

Holy Father, who adorned Saint Maria De Mattias
with exceptional gifts of grace
so that in the Church she might be
a witness of the Blood of Christ,
grant that, through her intercession, we may obtain the grace
to remain faithful in adoration of the Lamb who died and rose for us,
so as to celebrate the new and eternal covenant in his blood,
and to proclaim to all peoples the power of the love of Christ crucified.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.

First Reading

Jer. 1:4-9

“The word of the Lord was addressed to me.”

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah

The word of the Lord came to me thus: Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you.” “Ah, Lord God!” I said, “I know not how to speak; I am too young.” But the Lord answered me, “Say not, I am too young. To whomever I send you, you shall go; whatever I command you, you shall speak. Have no fear before them, because I am with you to deliver you,” says the Lord. Then the Lord extended his hand and touched my mouth saying, “See, I place my words in your mouth!”

The Word of the Lord.

A. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9

R. Lord, give us the joy of proclaiming your Word.

**O God, you are my God whom I seek;
for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts
like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water. R.**

**Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary
to see your power and your glory,
For your kindness is a greater good than life;
my lips shall glorify you. R.**

**Thus will I bless you while I live;
lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name.
As with the riches of a banquet
shall my soul be satisfied,
and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you. R.**

**I will remember you upon my couch,
and through the night watches I will meditate on you:
That you are my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy. R.**

**My soul clings fast to you;
your right hand upholds me. R.**

SECOND READING

1 Pt 1:16-21

*“You are redeemed with the Precious Blood of Christ,
as of a spotless unblemished Lamb.”*

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Peter

Dearly beloved, thus says the Lord: “You will be holy, because I am holy.” If you invoke as Father him who judges impartially according to each one’s works, conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning, realizing that you were ransomed from your futile conduct, handed on by your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious Blood of Christ as of a spotless unblemished Lamb. He was known before the foundation of the world but revealed in the final time for you, who through him believe in God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

The Word of the Lord.

A. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

“Tell us, Mary:
what did you see along the way?”

“The tomb of the living Christ,
the glory of Christ arisen.”

R. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

“She went and announced to the disciples: ‘I have seen the Lord’.”

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

On the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they put him.” Mary stayed outside the tomb weeping. And as she wept, she stooped to peer inside, and she saw two angels in white sitting there, one at the head and one at the feet where the body of Jesus had been. And they said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken my Lord, and I don’t know where they laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus there, but did not know it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” She thought it was the gardener and said to him, “Sir, if you carried him away, tell me where you laid him, and I will take him.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “*Rabbouni*”, which means “Teacher”. Jesus said to her, “Stop holding on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am going to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and then reported what he told her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

A. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Profession of Faith follows the homily.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Let the dew of your Spirit, O Lord,
descend upon these gifts that we devoutly offer you
on the feast of Saint Maria De Mattias,
and grant that, purified by the Blood of the Lamb,
like her, we may be consumed by apostolic love.
Through Christ our Lord.

PREFACE

The mission of Saint Maria De Mattias

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Father, it is our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere
to give You thanks
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

You, Father, are the source of life and font of holiness.
In your provident love, You chose Saint Maria De Mattias
and adorned her with the gifts of the Spirit,
so that in the Church, she might be
a prophetic voice of the Word of light,
a messenger of reconciliation and peace,
a fearless witness of the Precious Blood of Christ,
and of the salvific glory of the cross.

In her life You offered us a sign of your love
for the poor, for sinners,
for the marginalized and the excluded.
Her example encourages us
to travel the highways of the world
in our journey toward You.

Therefore, united with the angels and saints,
we sing to You forever
a joyful hymn of praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy...

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Rev. 19:9

**Blessed are those who have been called
to the wedding feast of the Lamb.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**May the Body and Blood of Christ,
which we have joyfully received on the feast of Saint Maria De Mattias,
sustain us, Lord, as we journey toward the heavenly homeland,
so that our lives may become
an unending hymn of praise
and an everlasting thank-offering.
Through Christ our Lord.**