

# SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Cycle B

## ENTRANCE HYMN

1. Hail, Redeemer, King divine!  
Priest and Lamb, the throne is thine,  
King, whose reign shall never cease,  
Prince of everlasting peace.

*Angels, saints and nations sing:  
"Praise be Jesus Christ, our King;  
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,  
King of love on Calvary."*

2. Crimson streams, O King of grace,  
drenched thy thorn-crowned head and face;  
floods of love's redeeming tide  
tore thy hands, thy feet, and side.



## GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen

## FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Hosea 11:1.3-4. 8-9  
*My heart recoils from it.*

Listen to the word of the Lord:

When Israel was a child I loved him,  
and I called my son out of Egypt.  
I myself taught Ephraim to walk,  
I took them in my arms;  
yet they have not understood that I was the one  
looking after them.  
I led them with reins of kindness,  
with leading-strings of love.  
I was like someone who lifts an infant close against  
his cheek;  
stooping down to him I gave him his food.  
How could I treat you like Admah,  
or deal with you like Zeboiim?  
My heart recoils from it,  
my whole being trembles at the thought.  
I will not give rein to my fierce anger,  
I will not destroy Ephraim again,  
for I am God, not man:  
I am the Holy One in your midst  
and have no wish to destroy.

The word of the Lord.



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Is 12:2-6. R] v. 3

**R. With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of the Saviour.**

1. Truly God is my salvation,  
I trust, I shall not fear.  
For the Lord is my strength, my song,  
he became my saviour.  
With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation. **(R.)**
2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!  
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!  
Declare the greatness of his name. **(R.)**
3. Sing a psalm to the Lord  
for he has done glorious deeds;  
make them known to all the earth!  
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **(R.)**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians 3:8-12. 14-19

*The love of Christ is beyond all knowledge.*

I, Paul, who am less than the least of all the saints, have been entrusted with this special grace, not only of proclaiming to the pagans the infinite treasure of Christ but also of explaining how the mystery is to be dispensed. Through all the ages, this has been kept hidden in God, the creator of everything. Why? So that the Sovereignities and Powers should learn only now, through the Church, how comprehensive God's wisdom really is, exactly according to the plan which he had had from all eternity in Christ Jesus our Lord. This is why we are bold enough to approach God in complete confidence, through our faith in him. This, then, is what I pray, kneeling before the Father, from whom every family, whether spiritual or natural, takes its name: Out of his infinite glory, may he give you the power through his Spirit for your hidden self to grow strong, so that Christ may live in your hearts through faith, and then, planted in love and built on love, you will with all the saints have strength to grasp the breadth and the length, the height and the depth; until, knowing the love of Christ, which is beyond all knowledge, you are filled with the utter fullness of God.

The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 11:29

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Shoulder my yoke and learn from me,  
for I am gentle and humble in heart.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

19:31-37

*One of the soldiers pierced his side and there came out blood and water.*

It was Preparation Day, and to prevent the bodies remaining on the cross during the sabbath since that sabbath was a day of special solemnity - the Jews asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken away. Consequently the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with him and then of the other. When they came to Jesus, they found he was already dead, and so instead of breaking his legs one of the soldiers pierced his side with a lance; and immediately there came out blood

