

SOLEMNITY OF THE DEDICATION OF ALL THE CHURCHES OF THE VICARIATE

Year B

ENTRANCE HYMN

*I rejoiced when I heard the people saying:
Let's go to the temple of the Lord.
And now at last our feet are standing
Within your gates, O Jerusalem.*

1. Jerusalem, O fairest city,
So strongly built as one united whole,
It is there that the tribes now gather,
All the tribes to worship the Lord.
2. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
Prosperity to all your dwelling places.
Let there be peace everywhere within your ramparts,
Let there be safety within your towers.
3. For love of my people and my friends,
This is my prayer: may lasting peace be yours,
For the sake of the house of the Lord,
I shall plead and pray for your good.

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 first book of the Kings
Let your eyes watch over this house.

In the presence of the whole assembly of Israel, Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord and, stretching out his hands towards heaven, said, 'Lord, God of Israel, not in heaven above nor on earth beneath, is there such a God as you, true to your covenant and your kindness towards your servants when they walk wholeheartedly in your way. Yet will God really live with men on the earth? Why, the heavens and their own heavens cannot contain you. How much less this house that I have built! Listen to the prayer and entreaty of your servant, Lord my God; listen to the cry and to the prayer your servant makes to you today. Day and night let your eyes watch over this house, over this place of which you have said, "My name shall be there". Listen to the prayer that your servant will offer in this place.

'Hear the entreaty of your servant and of Israel your people as they pray in this place. From heaven where your dwelling is hear; and, as you hear, forgive.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 83:3-5. 10-11. R] v. 2

- R. How lovely is your dwelling place,
Lord, God of hosts.**
1. My soul is longing and yearning,
is yearning for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my soul ring out their joy
to God, the living God. **(R.)**
 2. The sparrow herself finds a home
and the swallow a nest for her brood;
she lays her young by your altars,
Lord of hosts, my king and my God. **(R.)**
 3. They are happy, who dwell in your house
for ever singing your praise.
Turn your eyes, O God, our shield,
look on the face of your anointed. **(R.)**
 4. One day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.
The threshold of the house of God
I prefer to the dwelling of the wicked. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

12:18-19. 22-24

You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant and a blood for purification which pleads more insistently than Abel's.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Is 66:1
With heaven my throne
and earth my footstool,
what house could you build me? says the Lord.
Alleluia!

Or

Alleluia, alleluia! Ex 37:27
I shall make my home among them, says the Lord;
I will be their God,
they shall be my people.
Alleluia!



