

5 September

**SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA,
VIRGIN AND FOUNDRRESS**

Solemnity

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Mt 25:34-35

Come, you blessed of my Father, says the Lord:
I was thirsty and you gave me to drink;
behold, now I give you the water of everlasting life.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

COLLECT

God, who called the virgin Saint Teresa
to respond to the love of your Son thirsting on the Cross
with outstanding charity to the poorest of the poor,
grant us, we beseech you, by her intercession,
to minister to Christ in our suffering brothers and sisters.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive, O God, the homage of our humble service,
which we present to you
on the Solemnity of Saint Teresa,
and grant that, by participation in this mystery,
our lives may burn with charity
and be consumed with zeal for the salvation of souls.
Through Christ our Lord.

PREFACE

Missionary of charity

V/. The Lord be with you.

R/. And with your spirit.

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 and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For you granted Saint Teresa
a share in the thirst of your Son dying on the Cross,
making her a missionary of Charity:
she took upon herself the rejection of the poor
and, placing herself at their service,
she radiated the light of your merciful love.

And so, with the Angels and Archangels,
and with the great multitude of the Saints,
we sing the hymn of your praise,
as without end we acclaim:

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Mt 25:40

Amen, I say to you: Whatever you did
to one of the least of my brethren you did it to me,
says the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the sacred mysteries we have received, O Lord our God,
foster within us the fire of charity
by which Saint Teresa, with a joyful spirit,
served Jesus Christ your Son in the poor.
Through Christ our Lord.

READINGS

- 1ST READING** Is 58:6-11: «*Share your bread with the hungry*».
Is not this the sort of fast that pleases me...
- RESP. PS.** Ps 33:2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9. 10-11
R/. (2a): I will bless the Lord at all times.
- 2ND READING** 1 Jn 4:7-16: «*If we love one another, God will live in us*».
My dear people, let us love one another...
- ALLELUIA** Cf. Mt 11:25: Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven
and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries
of the kingdom.
- GOSPEL** Mt 25:31-46 (longer form) *or* 31-40 (shorter form):
«*Whatever you have done to the very least of my brothers
and sisters you have done to me*».
Jesus said to his disciples: ‘When the son of Man
comes...
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