

#### **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

# CelebrantBlessed be God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

#### Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose blessed Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of body and of mind, and called her to be a witness of his resurrection: Mercifully grant that, by your grace, we may be healed from all our infirmities and know you in the power of his unending life; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

# First Reading

#### Judges 4:4-10

Now Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel at that time. <sup>5</sup> She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the people of Israel came up to her for judgment. <sup>6</sup> She sent and summoned Barak the son of Abinoam from Kedesh-naphtali and said to him, "Has not the LORD, the God of Israel, commanded you, 'Go, gather your men at Mount Tabor, taking 10,000 from the people of Naphtali and the people of Zebulun. <sup>7</sup> And I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the river Kishon with his chariots and his troops, and I will give him into your hand'?" <sup>8</sup> Barak said to her, "If you will go with me, I will go, but if you will not go with me, I will not go." <sup>9</sup> And she said, "I will surely go with you. Nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the LORD will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman." Then Deborah arose and went with Barak to Kedesh. <sup>10</sup> And Barak called out Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh. And 10,000 men went up at his heels, and Deborah went up with him.

Reader:The word of the Lord.People:Thanks be to God.OR

### Judith 9:1,11-14

Then Judith fell upon her face and put ashes on her head and uncovered the sackcloth she was wearing; and at the very time when that evening's incense was being offered in the house of God in Jerusalem, Judith cried out to the Lord with a loud voice and said:

<sup>11</sup> "For your power depends not upon numbers, or your might upon men of strength; for you are God of the lowly, helper of the oppressed, upholder of the weak, protector of the forlorn, Savior of those without hope. <sup>12</sup> Hear, O hear me, God of my father, God of the inheritance of Israel, Lord of heaven and earth, Creator of the waters, King of all your creation, hear my prayer! <sup>13</sup> Make my deceitful words to be their wound and stripe, for they have planned cruel things against your covenant and against your consecrated house and against the top of Zion and against the house possessed by your children. <sup>14</sup> And cause your whole nation and every tribe to know and understand that you are God, the God of all power and might and that there is no other who protects the people of Israel but you alone!"

*Reader:* Here ends the Reading.

# PSALTER VERSES

(In said services, the psalm verses may be placed between the Epistle and the Gospel, with the congregation standing in preparation for the Gospel. At services where there is a hymn or canticle before the Gospel, the psalm might be said between the Old Testament and Epistle, the people seated.)

### Psalm 42:1-7(8-15)

- <sup>1</sup> As the deer desires the water brooks, \* so longs my soul for you, O God.
- <sup>2</sup> My soul is athirst for God, even for the living God; \* when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
- <sup>3</sup> My tears have been my food day and night, \* while all day long they say to me, "Where now is your God?"
- <sup>4</sup> When I think upon these things, I pour out my heart, \* when I remember how I went with the multitude, and brought them into the house of God,
- <sup>5</sup> With the voice of praise and thanksgiving \* among those who keep holy day.
- <sup>6</sup> Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, \* and why are you so disquieted within me?

<sup>7</sup> O put your trust in God, \*

for I will yet give him thanks, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

(8My soul is heavy within me; \*

therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan, andfrom Mizar among the hills of Hermon.

One deep calls to another in the noise of your waterfalls; \* all your waves and storms have gone over me.

<sup>10</sup> The LORD will grant his loving-kindness in the daytime; \* and in the night season will I sing of him, and make my prayer to the God of my life.

- <sup>11</sup> I will say to God my rock, "Why have you forgotten me? \* Why am I full of heaviness, while the enemy oppresses me?"
- <sup>12</sup> My bones are broken asunder, \* while my enemies mock me to my face,
- <sup>13</sup> While all day long they say to me, \* "Where now is your God?"
- <sup>14</sup> Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, \* and why are you so disquieted within me?
- <sup>15</sup> O put your trust in God, \*

for I will yet give him thanks, who is the help of my countenance, and my God. )

# Epistle Reading

# 2 Corinthians 5:14-20a

For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; <sup>15</sup> and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

<sup>16</sup> From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.*People:* Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

#### John 20:11-18

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. <sup>12</sup> And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. <sup>13</sup> They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." <sup>14</sup> Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."" <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

### Offertory and Post-Communion Sentences

(Drawn from verses of Holy Scripture, these sentences are chosen by the celebrant or preacher to reinforce the lessons or teaching of the day.)

# Proper Preface

#### Apostles and Ordinations

Through the great shepherd of your flock, Jesus Christ our Lord, who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations, and promised to be with them always, even to the end of the ages.

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