

FIRST READING

They all joined together in continuous prayer in the upper room.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

1:12-14

The Mount of Olives was about half a mile from Jerusalem.

The apostles who had gone there were Peter, John, James, Andrew,
Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew, Matthew,
James the son of Alphaeus,
Simon, known as the Eager One,
and Judas the son of James.

After the apostles returned to the city,
they went upstairs to the room where they had been staying.

The apostles often met together
and prayed with a single purpose in mind.

The women and Mary the mother of Jesus would meet with them,
and so would his brothers.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

27:1, 4abc, 7-8

R. (13a) I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord.

or:

R. Alleluia

You, Lord, are the light
that keeps me safe.
I am not afraid of anyone.
You protect me,
and I have no fears.

R. I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord.

or:

R. Alleluia

I ask only one thing, Lord:

Let me live in your house
every day of my life.

*R. I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord.
or:
R. Alleluia*

Please listen when I pray!
Have pity. Answer my prayer.
My heart tells me to pray.
I am eager to see your face.

*R. I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord.
or:
R. Alleluia*

SECOND READING

It is a blessing for you when they insult you
for bearing the name of Christ.

A reading from the first letter of Peter

4:13-16

Brothers and sisters:

Be glad for the chance to suffer as Christ suffered.
It will prepare you for even greater happiness.
when he makes his glorious return.

Count it a blessing when you suffer for being a Christian.
This shows that God's glorious Spirit is with you.
But you deserve to suffer if you are a murderer, a thief,
a crook, or a busybody.
Don't be ashamed to suffer for being a Christian.
Praise God that you belong to him.

The word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA

See John 14:18

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord says: I will not leave you orphans.
I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

My followers belong to you, and I am praying for them.

† A reading from the holy gospel according to John 17:6-9

Jesus prayed to God:

“You have given me some followers from this world,
and I have shown them what you are like.

“They were yours,
but you gave them to me.
and they obeyed you.
They know that you gave me everything I have.

“I told my followers what you told me,
and they accepted it.
They know that I came from you,
and they believe that you are the one who sent me.

“I am praying for them,
but not for those who belong to this world.
My followers belong to you,
and I am praying for them.”

The gospel of the Lord.