

Readings for the Mass of Thanksgiving for Pope Leo XIV

FIRST READING

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians 4:11-16

Brothers and sisters:

Christ gave some as Apostles, others as prophets,
others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers,
to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry,
for building up the Body of Christ,
until we all attain to the unity of faith
and knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood,
to the extent of the full stature of Christ,
so that we may no longer be infants,
tossed by waves and swept along by every wind of teaching
arising from human trickery,
from their cunning in the interests of deceitful scheming.

Rather, living the truth in love,
we should grow in every way into him who is the head,
Christ, from whom the whole Body,
joined and held together by every supporting ligament,
with the proper functioning of each part,
brings about the Body's growth and builds itself up in love.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R). (2a) For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. (89:4-5, 21-22, 25 and 27)

**"I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:
Forever will I confirm your posterity
and establish your throne for all generations."**

R). For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

**"I have found David, my servant;
with my holy oil I have anointed him,
That my hand may be always with him,
and that my arm may make him strong."**

R). For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

**"My faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him,
and through my name shall his horn be exalted.
He shall say of me,
'You are my father, my God, the Rock, my savior.'"**

R). For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews 5:1-10

Every high priest is taken from among men
and made their representative before God,
to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.
He is able to deal patiently with the ignorant and erring,
for he himself is beset by weakness and so,
for this reason, must make sin offerings for himself
as well as for the people.

No one takes this honor upon himself
but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.
In the same way,
it was not Christ who glorified himself in becoming high priest,
but rather the one who said to him:

*You are my Son:
this day I have begotten you;
just as he says in another place:
You are a priest forever
according to the order of Melchizedek.*

In the days when he was in the flesh,
he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears
to the one who was able to save him from death,
and he was heard because of his reverence.
Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered;
and when he was made perfect,
he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him,
declared by God high priest according to the order of
Melchizedek.

The word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA VERSE

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; a good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (17:11b, 17-23)

Jesus raised his eyes toward heaven and prayed, saying:

"Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me,
so that they may be one just as we are one.

Consecrate them in the truth.

Your word is truth.

As you sent me into the world, \

so I sent them into the world.

And I consecrate myself for them,
so that they also may be consecrated in truth.

"I pray not only for them,
but also for those who will believe in me through their word,
so that they may all be one,
as you, Father, are in me and I in you,
that they also may be in us,
that the world may believe that you sent me.

And I have given them the glory you gave me,
so that they may be one, as we are one,
I in them and you in me,
that they may be brought to perfection as one,
that the world may know that you sent me,
and that you loved them even as you loved me."

The Gospel of the Lord.