

January 20

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**FIRST READING**

[722.8]

In the work of ministry, in building up the Body of Christ.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians

4:1-7, 11-13

**B**rothers and sisters, I, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one Body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gifts.

And he 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 maturity, to the extent of the full stature of Christ.

The word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM [721.1]**

Psalm 16 (15):1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11

**R. (see 5a)** You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Preserve me, O God, for in you, I take refuge.

I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord."

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; you yourself who secure my lot.

**R.** You are my inheritance, O Lord.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,

who even at night directs my heart.  
I keep the Lord before me always;[2]  
with him at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

**R.** You are my inheritance, O Lord.

You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,[2]  
at your right hand, bliss forever.

**R.** You are my inheritance, O Lord.

**ALLELUIA VERSE [741.9]**

**John 8:31b-32**

If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, and you will know the truth, says the Lord.

**GOSPEL**

**[742.6]**

**Those who lose their life for my sake will find it.**

**✠** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

**16:24-27**

**J**esus said to his disciples,

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father’s glory, and then he will repay each one according to his conduct.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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