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COLLECT

Almighty God,  
whose servant Maximilian  
offered his life for another  
and triumphed over suffering and death:  
move us by his example  
in the love and mercy of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

EZEKIEL 16. 1-15, 59-63

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

The word of the Lord came to me: Mortal, make known to Jerusalem her abominations, and say, Thus says the Lord God to Jerusalem: Your origin and your birth were in the land of the Canaanites; your father was an Amorite, and your mother a Hittite. As for your birth, on the day you were born your navel cord was not cut, nor were you washed with water to cleanse you, nor rubbed with salt, nor wrapped in cloths. No eye pitied you, to do any of these things for you out of compassion for you; but you were thrown out in the open field, for you were abhorred on the day you were born.

I passed by you, and saw you flailing about in your blood. As you lay in your blood, I said to you, 'Live! and grow up like a plant of the field.' You grew up and became tall and arrived at full womanhood; your breasts were formed, and your hair had grown; yet you were naked and bare.

I passed by you again and looked on you; you were at the age for love. I spread the edge of my cloak over you, and covered your nakedness: I pledged myself to you and entered into a covenant with you, says the Lord God, and you became

mine. Then I bathed you with water and washed off the blood from you, and anointed you with oil. I clothed you with embroidered cloth and with sandals of fine leather; I bound you in fine linen and covered you with rich fabric. I adorned you with ornaments: I put bracelets on your arms, a chain on your neck, a ring on your nose, ear-rings in your ears, and a beautiful crown upon your head. You were adorned with gold and silver, while your clothing was of fine linen, rich fabric, and embroidered cloth. You had choice flour and honey and oil for food. You grew exceedingly beautiful, fit to be a queen. Your fame spread among the nations on account of your beauty, for it was perfect because of my splendour that I had bestowed on you, says the Lord God.

But you trusted in your beauty, and played the whore because of your fame, and lavished your whorings on any passer-by.

Yes, thus says the Lord God: I will deal with you as you have done, you who have despised the oath, breaking the covenant; yet I will remember my covenant with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish with you an everlasting covenant. Then you will remember your ways, and be ashamed when I take your sisters, both your elder and your younger, and give them to you as daughters, but not on account of my covenant with you. I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall know that I am the Lord, in order that you may remember and be confounded, and never open your mouth again because of your shame, when I forgive you all that you have done, says the Lord God.

For the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 11

**R: In the Lord have I taken refuge.**

In the Lord have I taken refuge;  
how then can you say to me,  
‘Flee like a bird to the hills,  
‘For see how the wicked bend the bow  
and fit their arrows to the string,  
to shoot from the shadows at the true of heart. **R:**

‘When the foundations are destroyed,  
what can the righteous do?’  
The Lord is in his holy temple;  
the Lord’s throne is in heaven. **R:**

His eyes behold,  
his eyelids try every mortal being.  
The Lord tries the righteous as well as the wicked,  
but those who delight in violence his soul abhors. **R:**

Upon the wicked he shall rain coals of fire  
and burning sulphur;  
scorching wind shall be their portion to drink.  
For the Lord is righteous;  
he loves righteous deeds,  
and those who are upright shall behold his face. **R:**

### MATTHEW 19. 3-12

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.  
**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening;  
you have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Matthew.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Some Pharisees came to Jesus, and to test him they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any cause?' He answered, 'Have you not read that the one who made them at the beginning "made them male and female", and said, "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh"? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.' They said to him, 'Why then did Moses command us to give a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her?' He said to them, 'It was because you were so hard-hearted that Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but at the beginning it was not so. And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for unchastity, and marries another commits adultery.'

His disciples said to him, 'If such is the case of a man with his wife, it is better not to marry.' But he said to them, 'Not everyone can accept this teaching, but only those to whom it is given. For there are eunuchs who have been so from birth, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by others, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Let anyone accept this who can.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Alleluia. **Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord, Jesus Christ,  
may our hearts be open to your love  
our doors to friend and stranger,  
our table to all whom you call to your supper,  
and our lives to your risen life;  
who are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy Father,  
who gathered us here around the table of your Son  
to share this meal with the whole household of God:  
in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace,  
gather people of every race and language  
to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**