VOTIVE MASS OF
THE DIVINE HEART
OF GOD THE
FATHER

TEXTS AND LECTIONARY

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DEDICATION

To a greater knowledge and love for God the Father, the Source of all that is, Whose love extends to each of us and to the whole of creation.

Through this Votive Mass which was ultimately His work, may His Divine Heart and Fatherhood be celebrated everywhere in the world.
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INTRODUCTION

The Votive Mass of the Divine Heart of God the Father is composed of selections from the Roman Missal, English translation according to the Third Typical Edition, for use in the Dioceses of the United States of America, approved by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (2011) and confirmed by the Apostolic See.

This Votive Mass of the Divine Heart of God the Father, with its accompanying Lectionary, is offered as a convenience to those private persons who wish to celebrate this temporary Votive Mass with suggested readings. Publication of this particular Texts and Lectionary of the Divine Heart of the Father constitutes a first in the history of the universal Church.

The Mass of the Divine Heart is composed of authorized Mass texts, selected specifically to express the love of God the Father for humanity. There are several options for each text. These provide
considerable variety for those who may use this Votive Mass frequently, especially as part of the Holy Octave of Purification and Consecration to God our Father (St Andrews Productions, 2009), or even simply for Consecration to the Father (Apostolate of the Divine Heart, 2012), which prayer has been included herewith as the Concluding Prayer of the Faithful. But especially in preparation for installation of the Feast Day of God the Father (Ravasio, 1932/1994; St Andrews Productions, 2009) which, according to private revelation, the Almighty Father has requested for years to be celebrated on the first Sunday of August.

According to present liturgical law, these texts may only be used on days when a votive Mass is permitted. At present, they may not be used in place of the Sunday texts of Ordinary Time. This parallels the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday, whereby one must use the texts of the Sunday in the Octave of Easter. The texts must be the liturgical texts for that particular Sunday while also celebrating a divine attribute.

We hope and pray that in the near future, the universal Church will compose and authorize a Sunday Mass in honor of the Divine Heart of God the Father, in accordance with His continued pleas.
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(from Wednesday within the Octave of Easter)

Come, you blessed of my Father;
Receive the kingdom prepared for you
from the foundation of the world. (Alleluia)
(cf. Mt 25:34)

COLLECT

(from the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Almighty, ever-living God,
whom, taught by the Holy Spirit,
we dare to call our Father,
bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts
the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters,
that we may merit to enter into the inheritance
which you have promised.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
(from July 4 – Independence Day)

God of Justice, Father of truth, who guide creation in wisdom and goodness to fulfillment in Christ Your Son, open our hearts to the truth of his Gospel, that your peace may rule in our hearts and your justice guide our lives. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

OR

(from the Mass for the Preservation of Peace and Justice #30)

O God, who show a father’s care for all, grant, in your mercy, that the members of the human race to whom you have given a single origin, may form a peace in a single family and always be united by a fraternal spirit. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
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OR

(from the Mass for Giving Thanks to God #49B)

O God, the Father of every gift,
we confess that all we have and are
comes down from you.
Teach us to recognize the effects of your boundless care and to love you with a sincere heart and with all our strength.
Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

READING (see Optional Lectionary at the back)

PSALM

ALLELUIA

GOSPEL

CONCLUDING PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL
(see the Consecration Prayer to the Divine Heart of God the Father overleaf)
Heavenly Father, source of Life, Love and Eternal Happiness. You have bestowed upon us the precious gift of life itself. We beg You, Heavenly Father, never allow us to take this gift for granted. What is more You have called us to holiness. You have called us to participate in Your Divine Family life through, with and in Jesus Christ. We ask that you grant us, in Your Beneficence, all of the graces necessary to live in accord with Your Divine Will and to offer You, at each and every moment, the fullness of our gratitude, our worship, our thanksgiving and our supplication. We formally consecrate ourselves to You, as prodigal children returning to the Father Who loves us. Accept us, put a royal diadem on our finger. Cloak us in royal purple and prepare us for the feast, the banquet, that You have prepared for all Your faithful children.

Amen.
THE CONSECRATION (SEAL) PRAYER TO
THE DIVINE HEART OF GOD THE FATHER

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PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

(from the Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time)

O Lord, who gained for yourself a people by adoption through the one sacrifice offered once for all, bestow graciously on us, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace in your Church. Through Christ our Lord.

OR

(from Memorial of St Augustine – August 28)

Celebrating the memorial of our salvation we humbly beseech your mercy, O Lord, that this sacrament of your loving kindness may be for us the sign of unity and the bond of charity. Through Christ our Lord.
PREFACE

(from July 4 – Independence Day – Preface II
(used only with Eucharistic Prayers without a Proper Preface)

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, Holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Christ our Lord

For we praise you as the God of creation,
as the Father of Jesus, the Savior of the world,
in whose image we seek to live.
He loved the children of the lands he walked
and enriched them with his witness of justice and truth.
He lived and died that we might be reborn in the Spirit
and filled with love for all people.

And so, with hearts full of love,
we join the angels today and every day of our lives,
to sing your glory as we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts…
EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

++++EUCHARISTIC PRAYER IV with its proper Preface is suggested as the most appropriate++++

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(from the Mass in Any Need #48B)

Whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you. Ask, and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete says the Lord. (Jn 16:23-24)

OR

(from the Votive Mass of the Holy Trinity #1)

Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father. (Gal 4:6)
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(from July 4 – Independence Day)

By showing us in the Eucharist, O Lord,
a glimpse of the unity and joy
of your people in heaven,
deepest our unity and intensify our joy,
that all who believe in you
may work together to build the city of lasting peace.
Through Christ our Lord.

OR

(from Memorial of SS Joachim and Anne – July 26)

O God, who willed that your Only Begotten Son
should be born from among humanity
so that by a wonderful mystery
humanity might be born again from you,
we pray that, in your kindness,
you may sanctify by the spirit of adoption
those you have fed with the Bread you give your children.
Through Christ our Lord.
OPTIONAL LECTIONARY FOR
VOTIVE MASS OF THE DIVINE HEART OF GOD THE FATHER

INTRODUCTION


This Lectionary for the Votive Mass of the Divine Heart of God the Father is offered as a convenience to those private persons who wish to celebrate this temporary Votive Mass with suggested readings. Of course, it would be preferable to use the official ritual Lectionary volumes. The numbers in parentheses refer to the sections of the official volumes. These numbers may also be useful for those who use a different official Lectionary, as these optional readings use the New American Bible version for liturgical use in the United States.
These are only suggested optional readings. For ordinary votive Masses, the daily Lectionary with its cycle of readings would be preferred. However, for more solemn celebrations or personal preference, these suggested readings from the approved Lectionary of readings may be used.

All this is offered for the glory of the Divine Heart of God the Father, in fulfillment of His desire that a Feast Day be established by the universal Church to celebrate His infinite and Fatherly love for all mankind. This Votive Mass and Lectionary is a temporary celebration pending an official text from Roman Catholic Church, which we pray may come soon.
OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

From the Thursday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time Year 2 (366)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Hosea.

Thus says the Lord: When Israel was a child I loved him, out of Egypt I called my son. The more I called them, the farther they went from me, sacrificing to the Baals and burning incense to idols.

Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, who took them in my arms; I drew them with human cords, with bands of love; I fostered them like one who raises an infant to his cheeks. Yet, though I stooped to feed my child, they did not know that I was their healer.

My heart is overwhelmed, my pity is stirred, I will not give vent to my blazing anger, I will not destroy Ephraim again; for I am God and not man, the Holy One present among you; I will not let the flames consume you.

The word of the Lord.
Responsorial Psalm

**R.** Let us see your face, Lord, and we shall be saved.
O shepherd of Israel, hearken. From your throne upon
the cherubim, shine forth. Rouse your power.

**R.** Let us see your face, Lord, and we shall be saved.

Once again, O Lord of hosts, look down from heaven,
and see: Take care of this vine and protect what your
right hand has planted, the son of man whom you
yourself made strong.

**R.** Let us see your face, Lord, and we shall be saved.

OR
From the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time A (118)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord: Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice about to be revealed.

The foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, ministering to him, loving the name of the Lord and becoming his servants – all who keep the Sabbath free from profanation and hold to my covenant,

them I will bring to my holy mountain and make joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be acceptable on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

The word of the Lord.
Responsorial Psalm

**R.** O God, let all the nations praise you!

May God have pity on us and bless us; may he let his face shine upon us. So may your way be known upon earth; among all nations, your salvation.

**R.** O God, let all the nations praise you!

May the nations be glad and exult because you rule the peoples in equity; the nations on the earth you guide.

**R.** O God, let all the nations praise you!

May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you! May God bless us and may all the ends of the earth fear him!

**R.** O God, let all the nations praise you!

OR
A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

Thus says the Lord: Shout with joy for Jacob, exult at the head of the nations; proclaim your praise and say: The Lord has delivered his people, the remnant of Israel.

Behold, I will bring them back from the land of the north. I will gather them from the ends of the world, with the blind and the lame in their midst, the mothers and those with child; they shall return as an immense throng.

They departed in tears, but I will console them and guide them. I will lead them to brooks of water on a level road, so that none shall stumble.

For I am a father to Israel, Ephraim is my first-born.

The word of the Lord.
Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord brought back the captives of Zion, we were like men dreaming. Then our mouth was filled with laughter and our tongue with rejoicing.

R. The Lord had done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Then they said among the nations, “The Lord has done great things for them.” The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad indeed.

R. The Lord had done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the torrents in the southern desert. Those that sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.

R. The Lord had done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Although they go forth weeping, carrying the seed to be sown, they shall come back rejoicing carrying their sheaves.

R. The Lord had done great things for us; we are filled with joy.
OR

From the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time A (82)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Zion said, “The Lord has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me.”

Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb?

Even should she forget, I will never forget you.

The word of the Lord.
Responsorial Psalm

R. Rest in God alone, my soul.

Only in God is my soul at rest; from him comes my salvation. He only is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold; I shall not be disturbed at all.

R. Rest in God alone, my soul.

Only in God be at rest, my soul, for from him comes my hope. He only is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold; I shall not be disturbed.

R. Rest in God alone, my soul.

With God is my safety and my glory, he is the rock of my strength; my refuge is in God. Trust in him at all times, O my people! Pour out your hearts before him.

R. Rest in God alone, my soul.
A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters:

We are not debtors to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but your received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, “Abba, Father!”

The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God and, if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

The word of the Lord.
Responsorial Psalm

R. Our God is the God of salvation.

God arises; his enemies are scattered and those who hate him flee before him. But the just rejoice and exult before God; they are glad and rejoice.

R. Our God is the God of salvation.

The father of orphans and the defender of widows is God in his holy dwelling. God gives a home to the forsaken; he leads forth prisoners to prosperity.

R. Our God is the God of salvation.

Blessed day by day be the Lord, who bears our burdens; God, who is our salvation. God is a saving God for us; the Lord, my Lord, controls the passageways of death.

R. Our God is the God of salvation.

OR
From the Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time C (123)

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Brothers and sisters:

You have forgotten the exhortation addressed to you as children:

My son, do not disdain the discipline of the Lord or lose heart when reproved by him; for whom the Lord loves, he disciplines; he scourges every son he acknowledges.

Endure your trials as “discipline;” God treats you as sons, for what “son” is there whom his father does not discipline? For at the time, all discipline seems a cause not for joy but for pain, yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it.

So strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.

The word of the Lord.
Responsorial Psalm (from Wednesday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time Year I) (325)

R. The Lord's kindness is everlasting to those who fear him.

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

R. The Lord's kindness is everlasting to those who fear him.

As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him,
For he knows how we are formed; he remembers that we are dust.

R. The Lord's kindness is everlasting to those who fear him.

But the kindness of the Lord is from eternity to eternity toward those who fear him.
And his justice toward children's children among those who keep his covenant.

R. The Lord's kindness is everlasting to those who fear him.
A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians.

We have been reassured about you, brothers and sisters, in our every distress and affliction, through your faith. For we now live, if you stand firm in the Lord.

What thanksgiving, then, can we render to God for you, for all the joy we feel on your account before our God? Night and day we pray beyond measure to see you in person and to remedy the deficiencies of your faith.

Now may God himself, our Father, and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you, and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we have for you, so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen.

The word of the Lord.
Responsorial Psalm

R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

You turn man back to dust saying, “Return, O children of men.” For a thousand years in your sight are as yesterday, now that it is past or as a watch of the night.

R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!
Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart. Return, O Lord! How long? Have pity on your servants!

R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Fill us a daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days. And may the gracious care of the Lord our God be ours; prosper the work of our hands for us! Prosper the work of our hands!

R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!
A reading from the Letter of Saint James.

Dearest brothers and sisters:

All good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no alteration or shadow caused by change. He willed to give us birth by the word of truth that we may be a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

Humbly welcome this word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves.

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The word of the Lord.
**Responsorial Psalm** *(from Wednesday of the Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time, Year 1)*

**R.** The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

When the poor one called out, the Lord heard and from all his distress he saved him. The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him and delivers them.

**R.** The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Fear the Lord, you his holy ones, for nought is lacking to those who fear him. The great grow poor and hungry, but those who seek the Lord want for no good thing.

**R.** The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Come, children, hear me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Which of you desires life and takes delight in prosperous days?

**R.** The Lord hears the cry of the poor.
A reading from the beginning of the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians.

Paul, an Apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to the holy ones who are in Ephesus and faithful in Christ Jesus; grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him.

In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will, for the praise of the glory of his grace that he granted us in the beloved.

In Christ we have redemption by his Blood, the forgiveness of transgressions, in accord with the riches of his grace that he lavished upon us.

In all wisdom and insight, he has made known to us the mystery of his will, in accord with his favor that he set forth in him as a plan for the fullness of times, to sum up all things in Christ, in heaven and on earth.

The word of the Lord.
Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord has made known his salvation.

Sing to the Lord a new song for he has done wondrous deeds; His right hand has won victory for him, his holy arm.

R. The Lord has made known his salvation.

The Lord has made his salvation known; in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice. He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel.

R. The Lord has made known his salvation.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God. Sing joyfully to the Lord, all you lands; break into song; sing praise.

R. The Lord has made known his salvation.

Sing praise to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and melodious song; with trumpets and the sound of the horn sing joyfully before the King, the Lord.

R. The Lord has made known his salvation.

OR
From the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart B (171)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians.

Brothers and sisters: To me, the very least of all the holy ones, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the inscrutable riches of Christ and to bring to light for all what is the plan of the mystery, hidden from ages past in God who created all things, so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the principalities and authorities in the heavens.

This was according to the eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness of speech and confidence of access through faith in him.

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that he may grant you in accord with the riches of his glory to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inner self, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith;

that you, rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the holy ones what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

The word of the Lord.
Responsorial Psalm (From Solemnity of All Saints November 1 (667))

R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

The Lord's are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it.
For he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

Who can ascend the mountain of the Lord? Or who may stand in his holy place?
One whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean, who desires not what is vain.

R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

He shall receive a blessing from the Lord, a reward from God his savior.
Such is the race that seeks him, that seeks the face of the God of Jacob.

R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.
GOSPEL READINGS

From the Tuesday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time (366)

Alleluia, Alleluia.

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

+A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples: “You have heard that it was said, you shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.

But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust.

If you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same?

And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same?

So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
OR

From the Wednesday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time (367)

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Whoever loves me will keep my word and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

+A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples: “Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them; otherwise you will have no recompense from your heavenly Father.

When you give alms, do not blow a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets to win the praise of others. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward.

But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you.
When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, who love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on street corners so that others may see them. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward.

But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

When you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites. They neglect their appearance, so that they may appear to others to be fasting. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward.

But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not appear to others to be fasting, except to your Father who is hidden. And your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

You have received a spirit of adoption as sons through which we cry: Abba! Father!

Alleluia, Alleluia.

+A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples:

“In praying, do not babble like the pagans, who think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them. Your Father knows what you need before you ask him. This is how you are to pray:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

If you forgive others their transgressions, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your transgressions.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the Kingdom.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

+A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

…At that very moment, [Jesus] rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, “I give you praise, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, you have revealed them to the childlike.

Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.”

And turning to the disciples in private he said, “Blessed are the eyes that see what you see. For I say to you, many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you heard, but did not hear it.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
From the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time A (82)

Alleluia, Alleluia.

The word of God is living and effective; discerning reflections and thoughts of the heart.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

+A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples: “No one can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?

Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they? Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span?
Why are you anxious about clothes? Learn from the way the wild flowers grow. They do not work or spin. But I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was clothed like one of them.

If God so clothes the grass of the field, which grows today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow, will he not much more provide for you, O you of little faith?

So do not worry and say, ‘What are we to eat?’ or ‘What are we to drink?’ or ‘What are we to wear?’ All these things the pagans seek. Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you besides.

Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Sufficient for a day is its own evil.

The Gospel of the Lord.

OR
From the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time A (94)

Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Spirit of truth will testify to me, says the Lord; and you also will testify.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

+A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to the Twelve: “Fear no one. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known. What you say in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.

And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.

Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father’s knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

Everyone who acknowledges me before others, I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

+A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

At that time Jesus exclaimed: “I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will.

All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.

Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy and my burden light.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
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