

THE COMMON OF PASTORS

722 READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

8.

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13 In the work of ministry, in building up the Body of Christ.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians

**Brothers 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 gift.**

**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 mature to manhood,
to the extent of the full stature of Christ.**

The word of the Lord.

721 RESPONSORIAL PSALM

7.

Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4

℟. (4b) You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

**The LORD said to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand
till I make your enemies your footstool.”**

℟. You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

**The scepter of your power the LORD will stretch forth from Zion:
“Rule in the midst of your enemies.”**

℟. You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

**“Yours is princely power in the day of your birth, in holy splendor;
before the daystar, like the dew, I have begotten you.”**

℟. You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

**The LORD has sworn, and he will not repent:
“You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”**

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**723 ALLELUIA VERSE AND VERSE
BEFORE THE GOSPEL**

4.

Luke 4:18

**The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor
and to proclaim liberty to captives.**

742 GOSPEL

1.

Matthew 5:1-12a Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

**When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain,
and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him.
He began to teach them, saying:**

**“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are they who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the land.
Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be satisfied.
Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you
and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.
Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward will be great in heaven.”**

The Gospel of the Lord.