

# Mass In Time of Flood

Mass Texts from the Masses for Various Needs and Occasions: 48. In Any Need. (Roman Missal pp 1383-1385) and 37/3 In Time of Floods (Roman Missal p 1369).

Lectionary Readings from the Masses for Various Needs and Occasions: 25. In Time of Earthquake, For Rain, For Fine Weather, To Avert Storms, For Any Need (Lectionary Vol 3 pp 677-685)

## Entrance Antiphon

**A**

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.  
Should they cry to me in distress,  
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

*or*

**B**

Arise, O Lord, come to our help;  
redeem us with your merciful love. (*Ps 43:26*)

*or*

## Entrance Hymn Suggestions

Gather Us In – Marty Haugen (GA 526, CWBII 501, AOV1 12)

Gather Your People – Bob Hurd (GA 530, CWBII 490, AOV1 71)

God of Day and God of Darkness – Marty Haugen (GA 541, CWBII 498, AOV1 56)

O God, Our Help in Ages Past – Isaac Watts (CWBII 568, GA 459, AOV1 175)

Spirit of God, Be Near to us Now – Christopher Walker (CWBII 605)

## Collect

### In Time of Floods [37/3]

Let us pray.

Look upon us, O God,  
and see the floods that devastate the earth;  
grant, we pray,  
hope to our troubled hearts  
and new life to the damaged land.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

*or*

## **In any Need**

Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God,  
look with compassion on our affliction,  
and so lighten your children's burden and confirm their faith,  
that they may always trust without hesitation  
in your fatherly providence.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

## **First Reading**

### **Esther 4:17**

A reading from the book of Esther

*Change us into joyful people.*

Calling to mind all the wonderful works of the Lord, Mordecai offered this prayer:

'Lord, Lord, King and Master of all things,  
everything is subject to your power,  
and there is no one who can withstand you  
in your will to save Israel.

'Yes, you have made heaven and earth,  
and all the marvels that are under heaven.  
You are the Lord of all,  
and there is none who can resist you, Lord.

'You know all things;  
you know, Lord, you know,  
that no insolence, arrogance, vainglory  
prompted me to this,  
to this refusal to bow down  
before proud Haman.

'I would readily have kissed his feet  
for the safety of Israel.

'But what I did, I did  
rather than place the glory of a man  
above the glory of God;  
and I will not bow down to any  
but to you, Lord;  
in so refusing I will not act in pride.  
Hear my supplication,  
have mercy on your heritage,  
and turn our grief into rejoicing,  
that we may live to hymn your name, Lord.  
Do not suffer the mouths  
of those who praise you to perish.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*or*

### **Lamentations 3:17-26**

A reading from the book of Lamentations

*It is good to wait in silence for the Lord to save.*

My soul is shut out from peace;  
I have forgotten happiness.  
And now I say, 'My strength is gone,  
that hope which came from the Lord.'  
Brooding on my anguish and affliction  
is gall and wormwood.  
My spirit ponders it continually  
and sinks within me.  
This is what I shall tell my heart,  
and so recover hope:  
the favours of the Lord are not all past,  
his kindnesses are not exhausted;  
every morning they are renewed;  
great is his faithfulness.  
'My portion is the Lord,' says my soul,  
'and so I will hope in him.'  
The Lord is good to those who trust him,  
to the soul that searches for him.  
It is good to wait in silence  
for the Lord to save.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*or*

### **Daniel 3:25, 34-43**

A reading from the prophet Daniel

*Grant us deliverance worthy of your wonderful deeds.*

Azariah stood in the heart of the fire, and he began to pray:  
Oh! Do not abandon us for ever,  
for the sake of your name;  
do not repudiate your covenant,  
do not withdraw your favour from us,  
for the sake of Abraham, your friend,  
of Isaac your servant,  
and of Israel your holy one,  
to whom you promised descendants as countless as the stars of heaven  
and as the grains of sand on the seashore.  
Lord, now we are the least of all the nations,  
now we are despised throughout the world, today because of our sins.

We have at this time no leader, no prophet, no prince,  
no holocaust, no sacrifice, no oblation, no incense,  
no place where we can offer you the first-fruits  
and win your favour.

But may the contrite soul, the humbled spirit be as acceptable to you  
as holocausts of rams and bullocks,  
as thousands of fattened lambs:

such let our sacrifice be to you today,  
and may it be your will that we follow you wholeheartedly,  
since those who put their trust in you will not be disappointed.

And now we put our whole heart into following you,  
into fearing you and seeking your face once more.

Do not disappoint us:  
treat us gently, as you yourself are gentle  
and very merciful.

Grant us deliverance worthy of your wonderful deeds,  
let your name win glory, Lord.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*or*

### **Revelation 21:1-7**

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

*There will be no more death and no more mourning or sadness.*

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new', he said. 'Write this: that what I am saying is sure and will come true.' And then he said, 'It is already done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give water from the well of life free to anybody who is thirsty; it is the rightful inheritance of the one who proves victorious; and I will be his God and he a son to me.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## Responsorial Psalm

### Ps 84:2-8

**R.** Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

O Lord, you once favoured your land  
and revived the fortunes of Jacob,  
you forgave the guilt of your people  
and covered all their sins.

You averted all your rage,  
you calmed the heat of your anger. **R.**

Revive us now, God, our helper!  
Put an end to your grievance against us.  
Will you be angry with us for ever,  
will your anger never cease? **R.**

Will you not restore again our life  
that your people may rejoice in you?  
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy  
and give us your saving help. **R.**

*or*

### Ps 79:2-3, 5-7

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

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,  
shine forth from your cherubim throne  
O Lord, rouse up your might, **R.**

Lord God of hosts, how long  
will you frown on your people's plea?  
You have fed them with tears for their bread,  
an abundance of tears for their drink.  
You have made us the taunt of our neighbours,  
our enemies laugh us to scorn. **R.**

*or*

### Ps 122:1-3

**R.** Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

or

**R.** Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

To you have I lifted up my eyes,  
you who dwell in the heavens:  
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves  
on the hand of their lord. **R.**

Like the eyes of a servant  
on the hand of her mistress,  
so our eyes are on the Lord our God  
till he show us his mercy. **R.**

*or*

## Responsorial Psalm – Music Suggestions

Psalm 90 (91): Be with me, Lord - Christopher Willcock (Psalms for Feasts and Seasons 16)

Psalm 90 (91): Be with me, Lord - Marty Haugen (CWB 627, GA 5, CWBII 286)

Psalm 85: Lord, let us see your kindness – Marty Haugen (GA 49)

Psalm 31: I Put My Life in Your Hands – Rosalie Bonighton (GA 30)

Psalm 27: Do Not be Afraid / The Lord is My Light - Christopher Willcock (GA 28, CWBII 481)

Psalm 27: The Lord is my Light and my Salvation - Noel Ancell (GA 27)

## Second Reading

### Romans 8:18-30

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him.*

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The Spirit too comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*or*

## **Romans 8:31-39**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*Neither death nor life can ever come between us and the love of God.*

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us - he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Nothing therefore can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. As scripture promised: For your sake we are being massacred daily, and reckoned as sheep for the slaughter. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*or*

## **James 1: 2-4, 12**

A reading from the letter of St James

*Happy are they who stand firm when trials come.*

My brothers, you will always have your trials but, when they come, try to treat them as a happy privilege; you understand that your faith is only put to the test to make you patient, but patience too is to have its practical results so that you will become fully-developed, complete, with nothing missing.

Happy the man who stands firm when trials come. He has proved himself, and will win the prize of life, the crown that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

### **Ps 32:22**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.

Alleluia!

*or*

## **2 Corinthians 1:3-4**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed be the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort,  
who consoles us in all our afflictions.

Alleluia!

*or*

## **James 1:12**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are they who stand firm when trials come;  
when they have stood the test, they will win the crown of life.

Alleluia!

## **Gospel**

### **Matthew 7:7-11**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Everyone who searches, finds.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. Is there a man among you who would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or would hand him a snake when he asked for a fish? If you, then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*or*

### **Mark 4:35-41**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.*

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*or*

## **Luke 18:1-8**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*God will see justice done to his chosen who cry to him.*

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **Prayer of the Faithful**

**Presider:** As we pray together during this time of loss of life and livelihood following the recent devastating floods, let us take heart from the words of Jesus Christ who urged his followers to call on God for their daily needs.

**Reader:**

We pray for all leaders in our Church, particularly those in areas effected by natural disasters, especially the floods in \_\_\_\_\_: that their words and witness will provide sources of comfort, compassion and inspiration for all affected. We pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all peoples who suffer as a result of the damaging rains and floods of recent times: that those in national and local authority, together with local service providers and neighbours, will foster hope and healing of troubled hearts, and help to rebuild lives in their community. We pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those here present: that they will be inspired by the courage and compassion of first responders in the region of N. \_\_\_\_\_ and have a similar generosity of heart to meet the needs of those in our local community. We pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have died recently as a result of the damaging floods: that they will enjoy eternal light and peace with God in the heavenly kingdom, and that their families will be comforted by the generous love and care of people of good will. We pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Presider:** Gracious and loving God, source of all creation and all that is good, help us to respond to the needs of your people who suffer at this time. We make our prayers through Christ, Our Lord, Amen.

## Preparation of the Offerings Hymn Suggestions

Be Not Afraid – Bob Dufford (GA 449, AOV1 114)

My Soul is Longing for your Peace – Lucien Deiss (GA 519, CWBII 559)

O God of Earth and Space – Jane Parker Huber – (CWBII 575)

Thirsting for God – John L. Bell (GA 450)

You are Near – Dan Schutte (GA 451, AOV1 112)

## Prayer over the Offerings

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),  
that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God,  
the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good  
and the good of all his holy Church.**

Accept in compassion, Lord, we pray,  
the offerings of your family,  
that under your protective care  
they may never lose what they have received  
but attain the gifts that are eternal.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Communion Antiphon

**A**  
Come to me, all who labour and are burdened,  
and I will refresh you, says the Lord. (*Mt 11:28*)

*or*

**B**  
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*)

## Communion/Thanksgiving Hymn Suggestions

Bread of Life and Cup of Blessing – Delores Dufner (GA 196)

Bread of Life, Hope of the Word – Bernadette Farrell (GA 199, AOV1 164)

I Have Loved You – Michael Joncas (CBWII 511, GA 402, AOV1 126)

Lord, To Whom Shall We Go? – Michael Herry (CWBII 549, GA 189, AOV1 6)

Take and Eat – James Quinn and Michael Joncas – (CWBII 608, GA 198)

The Cry of the Poor – John Foley (CWBII 618, GA 36, AOV1 83)

## Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

We pray, O Lord, that in receiving your Sacrament  
we may experience help in mind and body,  
so that, kept safe in both,  
we may glory in the fullness of heavenly healing.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Recessional Hymn Suggestions

For Australia (Lord of Earth and all Creation) – M.R. Thwaites and H. Thwaites (CWBII 545)

Lord of all Hopefulness – Jan Struther (CWBII 541)

A Blessing Hymn for Australia – Michael Herry – (CWBII 655)

Christ Be our Light – Bernadette Farrell (GA 404, CWBII 540, AOV2 3)

Come to Set us Free – Bernadette Farrell (GA 277, AOV1 39)

Eternal Father, Strong to Save – William Whiting (CWBII 483)

On Eagle's Wings – Jan Michael Joncas (CWBII 654, GA 452, AOV1 153)

We Walk by Faith – Henry Alford (CWBII 641, GA 447, AOV1 63)

*Hymnals:*

*AOV – As One Voice (1992)*

*CWBII – Catholic Worship Book II (2016)*

*GA – Gather Australia (1995)*

*PFS – Psalms for Feasts and Seasons (1997)*