COLLECT

O God, who year by year renew for us the day when this your holy temple was consecrated, hear the prayers of your people and grant that in this place for you there may always be pure worship and for us, fullness of redemption. 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 I FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Kings 8:22-23, 27-30

May your eyes watch night and day over this temple.

A reading from the first Book of Kings

In those days:

Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of the whole community of Israel, and stretching forth his hands toward heaven, he said, “LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below; you keep your covenant of mercy with your servants who are faithful to you with their whole heart, “Can it indeed be that God dwells on earth? If the heavens and the highest heavens cannot contain you, how much less this temple which I have built!

Look kindly on the prayer and petition of your servant, O LORD, my God, and listen to the cry of supplication I, your servant, utter before you this day,

May your eyes watch night and day over this temple, the place where you have decreed you shall be honored; may you heed the prayer which I, your servant, offer in this place.

Listen to the petitions of your servant and of your people Israel which they offer in this place.

Listen from your heavenly dwelling and grant pardon.”

The word of the Lord.
RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The waters of the river gladden
the city of God,
the holy dwelling of the Most High.
R./ The waters of the river gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High.

God is for us a refuge and strength,
an ever present help in times of distress;
so we shall not fear though the earth should rock,
though the mountains quake to the heart of the sea.
R./ The waters of the river gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High.

The waters of a river give joy to God’s city,
the holy place, the dwelling of the Most High.
God is within, it cannot be shaken;
God will help it at the dawning of the day.
R./ The waters of the river gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High.

The Lord of Hosts is with us,
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
Come and behold the LORD,
the awesome deeds he has done on the earth.
R./ The waters of the river gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High.

READING II FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

>You are God's temple.<br>Corinthians 3:9c-I I, 16-17

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:
You are God's building.

According to the grace of God given to me,
like a wise master builder I laid a foundation,
and another is building upon it.
But each one must be careful how he builds upon it,
for no one can lay a foundation other than the one that is there,
namely, Jesus Christ.
Do you not know that you are the temple of God,
and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?
If anyone destroys God’s temple,
God will destroy that person;
for the temple of God, which you are, is holy.

The word of the Lord.
True worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth.

\[\text{The Gospel of John 4:19-24}\]

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The Samaritan woman said to Jesus,
“Sir, I can see that you are a prophet.
Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain;
but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem.
Jesus said to her,
“Believe me, woman, the hour is coming
when you will worship the Father
neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem,
You people worship what you do not understand;
we worship what we understand,
because salvation is from the Jews.
But the hour is coming, and is now here,
when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth;
and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him,
God is Spirit, and those who worship him
must worship in Spirit and truth.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYER OVER

THE OFFERINGS

Recalling the day when you were pleased
to fill your house with glory and holiness, O Lord,
we pray that you may make of us
a sacrificial offering always acceptable to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER

COMMUNION

May the people consecrated to you, O Lord, we pray,
receive the fruits and joy of your blessing,
that the festive homage
they have offered you today in the body
may redound upon them as a spiritual gift.
Through Christ our Lord.