

Saturday 2 May 2020 Saint Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor

Readings at Mass

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Sir 15: 5

**In the midst of the Church he opened his mouth,
and the Lord filled him with the spirit of wisdom and
understanding
and clothed him in a robe of glory, alleluia.**

Collect

**Almighty ever-living God,
who raised up the Bishop Saint Athanasius
as an outstanding champion of your Son's divinity,
mercifully grant,
that, rejoicing in his teaching and his protection,
we may never cease to grow in knowledge and love of you.
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.**

First reading

1 John 5:1-5

**Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has already
overcome the world**

**Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ
has been begotten by God;
and whoever loves the Father that begot him
loves the child whom he begets.
We can be sure that we love God's children
if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us;
this is what loving God is –
keeping his commandments;
and his commandments are not difficult,
because anyone who has been begotten by God**

**has already overcome the world;
this is the victory over the world –
our faith.**

Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 36(37):3-6,30-31

The mouths of the just murmur wisdom.

**If you trust in the Lord and do good,
then you will live in the land and be secure.**

**If you find your delight in the Lord,
he will grant your heart's desire.**

The mouths of the just murmur wisdom.

**Commit your life to the Lord,
trust in him and he will act,
so that your justice breaks forth like the light,
your cause like the noon-day sun.**

The mouths of the just murmur wisdom.

**The just man's mouth utters wisdom
and his lips speak what is right;
the law of his God is in his heart,
his steps shall be saved from stumbling.**

The mouths of the just murmur wisdom.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt5:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Happy are they who suffer persecution for justice' sake:
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.**

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 10:22-25

The disciple is not superior to his teacher

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You will be hated by all men on account of my name; but the man who stands firm to the end will be saved. If they persecute you in one town, take refuge in the next; and if they persecute you in that, take refuge in another. I tell you solemnly, you will not have gone the round of the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

'The disciple is not superior to his teacher, nor the slave to his master. It is enough for the disciple that he should grow to be like his teacher, and the slave like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, what will they not say of his household?'