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Entrance Antiphon

Mt 13: 33

The Kingdom of Heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour, until the whole batch was leavened.

Collect

O God, who have sent the power of the Gospel like leaven into the world, grant that your faithful, whom you have called to live amid the world and its affairs, may be fervent with the Christian spirit and, through the tasks they carry out in this present age, may constantly build up your Kingdom. 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.

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who willed to save the whole world by the sacrifice of your Son, grant through the power of this oblation that your servants living in the lay state, whom you do not cease to call to the apostolate, may imbue the world with the spirit of Christ and be the leaven of its sanctification. Through Christ our Lord. 1258 FOR HOLY CHURCH

Communion Antiphon

Ps 100 (99): 2

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy, alleluia.

Or: Jn 15: 8

By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

As we draw upon the fullness of your grace, we pray, O Lord, that your faithful, who by your will are engaged in the things of this world, may be strengthened by the power of the Eucharistic Banquet, to be tireless witnesses to the truth of the Gospel and may ever make your Church present and active amid the affairs of this age.

Through Christ our Lord.