



Sing to God, who rides up - on the clouds.

Let God arise, and let God's ene-¹mies be scattered;
let those who ¹hate God flee.

²As smoke is driven away, so you should drive ¹them away;
as the wax melts before the fire,
so let the wicked perish at the pres-¹ence of God.

³But let the righteous be glad and rejoice ¹before God;
let them also be mer-¹ry and joyful.

⁴Sing to God, sing praises to God's name;
exalt the one who ¹rides the clouds;

I AM is that name, rejoice ¹before God! R

⁵In your holy habita-¹tion, O God,
you are a father to orphans, defend-¹er of widows;

⁶you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners ¹into freedom;
but the rebels shall live in ¹desert places.

⁷O God, when you went forth be-¹fore your people,
when you marched ¹through the wilderness,

⁸the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the ¹God of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the ¹God of Israel.

⁹You sent a bountiful ¹rain, O God;
you restored your inheritance ¹when it languished.

¹⁰Your people found their ¹home in it;
in your goodness, O God,
you have made provision ¹for the poor. R

³²Sing to God, O kingdoms ¹of the earth;
sing praises ¹to the Lord.

³³You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ¹ancient heavens;
you send forth your voice, your ¹mighty voice.

³⁴Ascribe pow-¹er to God,
whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is ¹in the skies.

³⁵How wonderful you are in your holy places, O ¹God of Israel,
giving strength and power to your people! ¹Blessed be God! R

Second Reading

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Our faith in Christ does not make us immune from the scorn of others. Nevertheless, we are to resist the designs of evil when we experience disparagement from others because we trust God's grace will strengthen and guide us.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

^{5:6} Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all

your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel

John 17:1-11

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.

After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave

them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."