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FEAST

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INTRODUCTORY RITES

Come, you whom my Father has blessed,
- says the Lord -
I was ill and you comforted me.
I tell you, anything you did for one of my brothers,
you did it for me.

OPENING PRAYER

O God,
you have made Saint Louis Guanella,
glorious for his remarkable love toward the poor,
grant us to serve you continually in the exercise of charity,
and to receive, through your paternal providence, the inheritance of
your children.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING

Is. 58:7-11

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord:
Share your bread with the hungry,
shelter the oppressed and the homeless;
clothe the naked when you see them,
and do not turn your back on your own.
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,

and your wound shall quickly be healed;
your vindication shall go before you,
and the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.
Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer,
you shall cry for help, and he will say: Here I am!
If you remove from your midst oppression,
false accusation and malicious speech;
if you bestow your bread on the hungry,
and satisfy the afflicted;
then light shall rise for your darkness,
and the gloom shall become for you like midday;
then the Lord will guide you always,
and give you plenty even on the parched land.
He will renew your strength,
and you shall be like watered garden,
like a spring whose water never fails.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 34:2-3.10-11.16-19

Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall be ever in my mouth.
Let my soul glory the Lord;
the lowly will hear me and be glad.

Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord

Fear the Lord, you his holy ones,
for nothing is lacking to those who fear him.
The great grow poor and hungry;
but those who seek the Lord
want for no good thing.

Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord

The Lord has eyes for the just,
and ears for their cry.
The Lord confronts the evildoers,
to destroy remembrance of them from the earth.

Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord

When the just cry out, the Lord ears them,
and from all their distress he rescues them.
The Lord is close to the brokenhearted;
and those who are crushed in spirit he saves.

Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord

SECOND READING

1 Cor. 12:31.13:1-8.13

A reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters:
Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts.
But I shall show you a still more excellent way.
If I speak in human and angelic tongues
but do not have love,

I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal.
And if I have the gift of prophecy
and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge;
if I have all faith so as to move mountains,
but do not have love, I am nothing.
If I give away everything I own,
and if I hand my body over so that I may boast
but do not have love, I gain nothing.
Love is patient, love is kind.
It is not jealous,
love is not pompous,
it is not inflated,
it is not rude,
it does not seek its own interests,
it is not quick-tempered,
it does not brood over injury,
it does not rejoice over wrongdoing
but rejoices with the truth.
It bears all things,
believes all things, hopes all things,
endures all things.
Love never fails.
Faith, hope, love remain, these three;
but the greatest of these is love.
The Word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA

1 Jn. 4:12

If we love one another God dwells in us and his love is brought to
perfection in us.

ALLELUIA

GOSPEL

Mt. 25: 31-40

The Lord be with you.

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples:

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with
him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be
assembled before him.

And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd
separates the sheep from the goats.

He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

Then the King will say to those on his right,

"Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom
prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you
gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you
clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited
me."

Then the righteous will answer him and say,

"Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and
give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you,
or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and
visit you?"

And the King will say to them in reply,

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least
brothers of mine, you did for me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Cel. Celebrating with devout fervor the feast of Saint Louis Guanella, we turn to God, the source of holiness, the joy and crown of all the saints, and humbly make our supplication.

That the holiness of God be reflected in the words and actions of those who form the Church.
Let us pray to the Lord.

That the Holy Father N., our Bishop N., and all priests, in fidelity to God, may accomplish with humility and zeal their ministry for the good of the people of God.
Let us pray to the Lord.

That the Servants of Charity, the Daughters of St. Mary of Providence and the Guanellian Cooperators may aspire to the perfection of charity and consecrate their whole life to the faithful service of God and neighbor.
Let us pray to the Lord.

That the innocence of children may be protected and that they may be educated in virtue; that youth may be formed in honesty, generosity, sacrifice and work; that the aged may be comforted in their weakness and suffering.
Let us pray to the Lord.

Cel. Keep us always, O Lord, in your grace. May the intercession of Saint Louis Guanella obtain for us the grace to imitate his virtues: his ardent love for the Holy Eucharist; his zeal for the salvation of souls; his serene trust in Divine Providence; his tender charity toward the poor, especially those most in need.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Grant us, O Lord, that we,
who celebrate the Sacrifice of our salvation,
may give ourselves to you,
in imitation of Saint Louis Guanella,
as a pleasing victim.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Come, O blessed of my Father,
inherit the kingdom prepared for you
from the foundation of the world.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having nourished us with the Bread of heaven, O Lord,
on the feast of Saint Louis Guanella,
grant us to rejoice always in the beatific vision
and a life of union with you.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

HYMN IN HONOR OF BLESSED LOUIS GUANELLA

Holy Father Aloysius,
Heart and voice we raise to you.
Earthly story, heavenly glory,
Move our souls with praise of you.
Dear Father Guanella,
model of self-giving
servant of the Father,
and the suffering.
Implore from the Lord on High
the grace to be humble
in serving God's Love
and the world in need.

To a life of prayer and hardships
You were called by Christ, the Lord;
Training children, helping the aged
Up the road to Heaven's door.
Your love, Don Guanella,
Taught your Sons and Daughters
How to serve the needy
Whom the world forgot.
Implore Jesus' tender Heart
That our life on earth
May resemble yours,
O Servant of Charity!

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