

3. Still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the LORD is upright.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Gal 6: 14

R. Alleluia. Alleluia.

But may I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

R. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew 16: 24-27

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay everyone according to his conduct.

The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Lord, be pleased to accept our offerings. We are pilgrims in this passing world. Teach us to love the things of heaven and become attached to those realities which do not pass away.

Through Christ our Lord.

PREFACE

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Matt 16: 25

For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

or else: 1 Co 10, 17

Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord, we have been renewed through the sharing of this one bread and one cup. May all believers be of one heart and one mind in Christ Jesus.

Who lives and reigns...