

The Lord keeps faith forever, secures justice for *the oppressed*, gives food to the **hun**gry.
The Lord sets *captives* **free**. R.

The Lord gives sight to the **blind**.
The Lord raises up those who were bowed **down**; the Lord loves the **just**.
The Lord protects **strangers**. R?

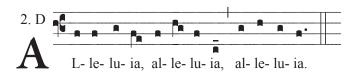
The fatherless and the widow he sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts.
The Lord shall reign forever;
your God, O Zion, through all generations. R.

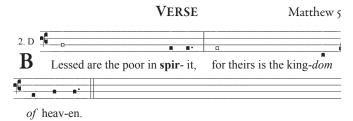
## SECOND READING

Hebrews 9

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Christ did not enter into a sanctuary made by hands, a copy of the true one, but heaven itself, that he might now appear before God on our behalf. Not that he might offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters each year into the sanctuary with blood that is not his own; if that were so, he would have had to suffer repeatedly from the foundation of the world. But now once for all he has appeared at the end of the ages to take away sin by his sacrifice. Just as it is appointed that human beings die once, and after this the judgment, so also Christ, offered once to take away the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to take away sin but to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him.





## A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

GOSPEL

In the course of his teaching Jesus said to the crowds, "Beware of the scribes, who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces, seats of honor in synagogues, and places of honor at banquets. They devour the houses of widows and, as a pretext recite lengthy prayers. They will receive a very severe condemnation." He sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."

## L. M. OFFERTORY HYMN Psalm 118

Direct my steps according to thy word, and let no iniquity have dominion over me.

Thy word is to my feet a lamp, And to my path it is a light. I am thy servant, wisdom give To keep and love thy judgments right.

I of thy testimonies have Above all things that are made choice, To be my lasting heritage, For they my heart alone rejoice.

O let my footsteps in thy word Aright forever ordered be: Let no iniquity obtain Its cruel dominion over me.

O Lord, both great and manifold Thy many tender mercies be: According to thy judgments just, Revive and give new life to me.

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

