

LITURGICAL RITE FOR COMMENCEMENT OF WORK

READINGS PROCLAIMED AT THE SITE

FIRST

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Peter (2:4-5,9)

Beloved: Come to the Lord, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God.

Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house and be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

You are ‘a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his own wonderful light. ‘

The Word of the Lord.

PSALM RESPONSE

Please say with me the words you see on your sheet:

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, mighty God!

My soul yearns and pines for the courts of the Lord.

My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

*** *How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, mighty God!***

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest

in which she puts her young – Your altars, O Lord of hosts, \ my King and my God!

*** *How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, mighty God!***

Blessed are they who dwell in your house.

Continually they praise you.

O God, behold our shield,

and look upon the face of your anointed.

*** *How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, mighty God!***

I had rather one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

I had rather lie at the threshold of the house of God

than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

*** *How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, mighty God!***

If a singer or choir is on hand, they could start “Alleluia.”

Otherwise, continue with reading of the Gospel.

GOSPEL

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John
(19:25-27)**

Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple there whom he loved, He said to his mother: “Woman, behold, your son.” Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother.” And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

(Perhaps a few words, then invite everyone to read with you the blessing prayer on the second side of their sheet.)