

BLESSED ANTHONY CHEVRIER, Priest

Entrance Antiphon (Luke 4: 18)

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
therefore he has anointed me.
He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor,
freedom to the oppressed.”

Opening Prayer

**Lord, so that the Good News might be announced to the poor,
you called Blessed Anthony Chevrier to become a disciple of your Son.
Grant that we, too,
following the example of the poor and crucified Christ,
might also glorify you.
Through Jesus Christ.**

First Reading

Zephaniah (2:3 ; 3:11-13)

Seek the LORD, all you humble of the earth, who have observed his law.

Seek justice, seek humility; perhaps you may be sheltered on the day of the LORD'S anger.

On that day you need not be ashamed of all your deeds, your rebellious actions against me. For then will I remove from your midst the proud braggarts,

And you shall no longer exalt yourself on my holy mountain.

But I will leave as a remnant in your midst a people humble and lowly, who shall take refuge in the name of the LORD.

The remnant of Israel: They shall do no wrong and speak no lies; nor shall there be found in their mouths a deceitful tongue. They shall pasture and couch their flocks with none to disturb them.

Psalm (40: 10 – 12, 17)

**Lord Jesus, your love has taken hold of me;
I will announce your name to my brethren.**

I announced your justice in the vast assembly.
I did not restrain my lips, as you, O Lord, know.

Your justice I kept not hid within my heart;
Your faithfulness and your salvation I have spoken of.
I have made no secret of your kindness and your truth in the vast assembly.

Withhold not, O Lord, your compassion from me;
May your kindness and your truth ever preserve me.

May all who seek you exult and be glad in you,
may those who love your salvation say ever, “The Lord be glorified”.

Second Reading

Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians (3: 8-14)

My brothers,

those things that I used to consider gain

I have now reappraised as loss

in the light of the surpassing knowledge of my Lord Jesus Christ.

For his sake I have forfeited everything;

I have accounted all else rubbish

so that Christ may be my wealth and I may be in him, not having any justice
of my own based on observance of the law.

The justice I possess is that which comes through faith in Christ.

It has its origin in God and is based on faith.

I wish to know Christ

and the power flowing from his resurrection;

likewise to know how to share in his sufferings

by being formed into the pattern of his death.

Thus do I hope that I may arrive at resurrection from the death.

It is not that I have reached it yet,
or have already finished my course;
I am racing to grasp the prize if possible,
since I have been grasped by Christ Jesus.

Brothers, I do not think of myself as having reached the finish line.
I give no thought to what lies behind but push on to what is ahead.
My entire attention is on the finish line
as I run toward the prize to which God calls me
life on high in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Alleluia (Luke 4: 18)

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he has consecrated me to announce the Good News to the poor

Or:

The Remnant of Israel will renounce falsehood, and deceit will not be found in their mouths. They will graze and take their rest without anyone to frighten them.

Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (Mat 11: 25 – 30)

On one occasion Jesus spoke thus:

“Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
to you I offer praise;
for what you have hidden from the learned and the clever
you have revealed to the merest children.
Father it is true. You have graciously willed it so.
Everything has been given over to me by my Father.
No one knows the Son but the Father,
and no one knows the Father but the Son
and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.

Come to me,
 all you who are weary and find life burdensome,
and I will refresh you.
Take my yoke upon your shoulders
 and learn from me,
for I am gentle and humble of heart.
 Your souls will find rest,
or my yoke is easy and my burden light.”

Prayer over the Gifts

**Lord, by the sacrifice that we offer you,
 enkindle in us the fire of that Spirit
 that prompted Anthony Chevrier
 to devote himself to Christ
 and to give himself totally
 for the salvation of people.
Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.**

Communion Antiphon (Mc 10: 45)

The Son of man has come to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for the many.

Prayer after Communion

**Lord, it is your will
 that the poor be the first among those invited
 to the banquet of your Kingdom
 where we have just been filled.
 Help us to know how to reach out to them
 as did Anthony Chevrier,
 revealing to them the treasures of your Gospel.
Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.**