## **Entrance Antiphon**

In your strength, O Lord, the just one rejoices; how greatly your salvation makes him glad! You have granted him his soul's desire.

#### Collect

O God, who in your Saints have given an example and brought us protection in our weakness to help us tread the path of salvation, mercifully grant that we, who honour the heavenly birthday of blessed Carlo Acutis may, through his example, make our way to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

#### A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

Seek the Lord, all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord.

In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths.

But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

The Word of the Lord

Cf. Ps 20: 2-3

## **Responsorial Psalm**

## His delight is the law of the Lord.

Happy indeed is the man
who follows not the counsel of the wicked;
nor lingers in the way of sinners
nor sits in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord
and who ponders his law day and night.

## His delight is the law of the Lord.

He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper.

## His delight is the law of the Lord.

Not so are the wicked, not so!

For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind:

for the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom.

His delight is the law of the Lord.

Mt5:8

Psalm 1:1-4,6

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Alleluia!

## A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

and then you will be my disciples.'

'I am the true vine. and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine. you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit,

# **Prayer over the Offerings**

Through the present oblation, O Lord, which we offer in commemoration of blessed Carlo Acutis, bestow on your faithful, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace.
Through Christ our Lord.

## **Communion Antiphon**

Whoever wishes to come after me, must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me, says the Lord.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

May the Sacrament we have received, O Lord, in commemoration of blessed Carlo Acutis sanctify our minds and hearts, that we may merit to be made sharers in the divine nature. Through Christ our Lord.

Cf. Mt 16: 24