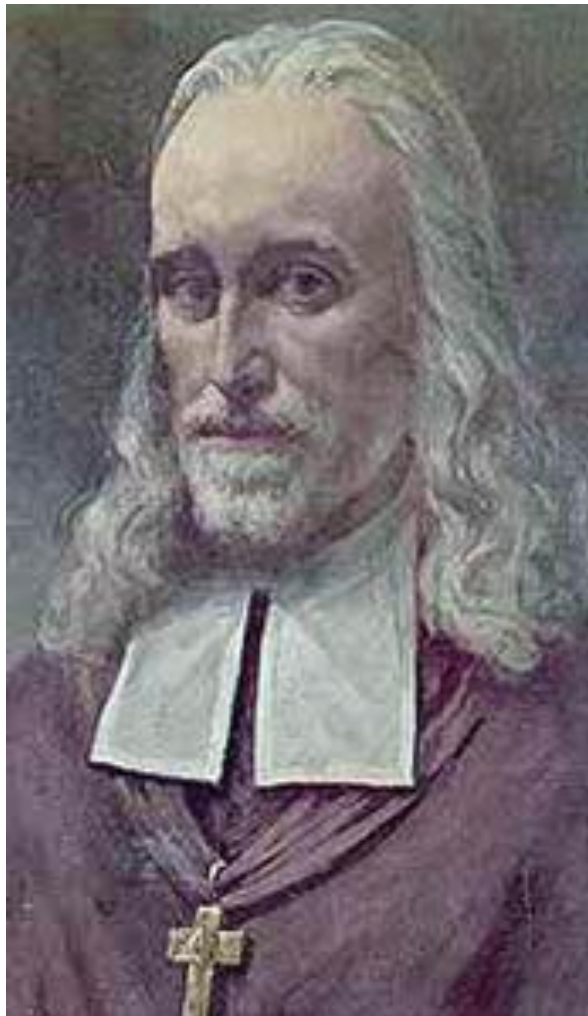


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(Liturgical Colour: **Red**)

(Text taken from The Roman Missal)

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## **Entrance Antiphon**

Here is a True Martyr who shed his blood for Christ; his judges could not shake him by their menaces, and so, he won through to the Kingdom of Heaven.

## **Opening Prayer**

God our Father, you filled St. Oliver with your Spirit of fortitude, enabling him to feed your flock with his word and lay down his life for his faith; at his intercession keep us strong in that same faith and help us to proclaim it everywhere.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

## **Liturgy of the Word**

### **First Reading**

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

(34: 11-16)

For the Lord God says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I shall bring them out of the countries where they are; I shall gather them together from foreign countries and bring them back to their own land. I shall pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in every inhabited place in the land. I shall feed them in good pasturage; the high mountains of Israel will be their grazing ground. There they will rest in good grazing ground; they will browse on rich pastures on the mountains of Israel. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks, I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the

wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Responsorial Psalm**

### **Response: The Lord Guides and Protects us.**

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. (R)

He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. (R)

You have prepared a banquet for me,  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. (R)

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. (R)

## **Second Reading**

A reading from the 1st letter of St. Peter.

(3: 8-18)

Finally: you should all agree among yourselves and be sympathetic; love the brothers, have compassion and be self-effacing. Never pay back one wrong with another, or an angry word with another one; instead, pay back with a blessing. That is what you are called to do, so that you inherit a blessing yourself. Remember: anyone who wants to have a happy life and to enjoy prosperity must banish malice from his tongue, deceitful conversation from his lips; he must never yield to evil but must practice good; he must seek peace and pursue it. Because the face of the Lord frowns on evil men, but the eyes of the Lord are turned towards the virtuous. No one can hurt you if you are determined to do only what is right; if you do have to suffer for being good, you will count it a blessing: There is no need to be afraid or to worry about them. Simply reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing what is right than for doing wrong. Why Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia;**

The sheep that belong to Me, listen to my voice, says the Lord,  
I know them and they follow Me.

**Alleluia**

## **Gospel**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. (10: 11-16)

I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **General Intercessions**

### **Celebrant:**

My sisters and brothers, God our Father wants all people to be saved and calls us to the knowledge of the truth. Let us pray to him with all our hearts.

1. For Pope Francis, and all bishops, priests and religious, may they fearlessly and clearly teach the Catholic faith for which St. Oliver willingly gave his life. **Lord, Hear Us.**
2. For all who govern us, may they guide us with justice and compassion, so that the dignity of all may be respected. **Lord, Hear Us.**

3. For all Christians who have to suffer, for bearing witness to their faith. **Lord, Hear Us.**
  
4. For peace and reconciliation in our own country and throughout our troubled world. May human hearts everywhere be set free from fear, hatred and violence, enabling the spirit and love of Christ to live in all hearts. **Lord, Hear Us.**
  
5. For our young people, the future of our Church and of our world, that the example of St. Oliver may inspire them to lives of courageous faith. **Lord, Hear Us.**
  
6. We pray for those who have died needlessly through violence, and for those who have died recently (N & N), and for (N & N), whose anniversaries occur. That they may have life without end. **Lord, Hear Us.**

**Celebrant:**

Father, we come before you with faith and love to praise your goodness and to acknowledge our needs. We ask you to hear the prayers we make in the name of Jesus the Lord.

**Prayer over the Gifts**

Sanctify our offerings by your blessing,  
O Lord, we pray,  
and by your grace may we be set afire  
with that flame of your love  
through which Saint Oliver overcame every bodily torment.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Preface**

The Lord be with you.

**Any with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right and just.**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For the blood of your blessed Martyr N.,  
poured out like Christ's to glorify your name,  
shows forth your marvellous works,  
by which in our weakness you perfect your power  
and on the feeble bestow strength to bear you witness,  
through Christ our Lord.

And so, with the Powers of heaven,  
we worship you constantly on earth,  
and before your majesty  
without end we acclaim:

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

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## **Communion Antiphon**

(Mt. 10:39)

Whoever loses his life for my sake,  
will find it in eternity, says the Lord.

## **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

May the sacred mysteries of which we have partaken,  
O Lord, we pray,  
give us that determination which made your blessed Martyr Oliver.  
faithful in your service  
and victorious in suffering.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**