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Roman Missal 462; Lectionary 396
or **Saint Lawrence of Brindisi**

Saint Lawrence of Brindisi was named a Doctor of the Church in 1959. See p. 166.

Entrance Antiphon

(Dan 3) **All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgment, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.**

Collect

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the

unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reading

(Micah 7.14-15, 18-20)

Shepherd your people with your staff, the flock that belongs to you, which lives alone in a forest in the midst of a garden land; let them feed in Bashan and Gilead as in the days of old. As in the days when you came out of the land of Egypt, show us marvellous things.

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of your possession? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in showing clemency. He will again have compassion upon

us; he will tread our iniquities under foot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

You will show faithfulness to Jacob and unswerving loyalty to Abraham, as you have sworn to our ancestors from the days of old.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm —————
(Psalm 85)

R. Lord, show us your mercy and love.

Lord, you were favourable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin. You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger. **R.**

Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us. Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations? **R.**

Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice

in you? Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation. **R.**

Acclamation (*John 14*)

Alleluia. Alleluia. All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. **Alleluia.**

Gospel —————
(Matthew 12.46, 48-50)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

While Jesus was still speaking to the crowds, his mother and his brothers were standing outside, wanting to speak to him. But to the one who had told him this, Jesus replied, “Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?” And pointing to his disciples, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant us, O merciful God, that this our offering may find acceptance with you and that through it the wellspring of all blessing may be laid open before us. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Communion Antiphon

(Cf. Ps 118) **Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.**

or

(1 Jn 3) By this we came to know the love of God: that Christ laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

Prayer after Communion

Pray this heavenly mystery, O Lord, restore us in mind and body, that we may be co-heirs in glory with Christ, to whose suffering we are united whenever we proclaim his Death. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Faith is like a bright ray of sunlight. It enables us to see God in all things as well as all things in God. —St. Francis de Sales