

SATURDAY JULY 4

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Roman Missal 449; Lectionary 382
or **Saint Elizabeth of Portugal**
or **Our Lady's Saturday** (p. 45)

Saint Elizabeth is a patron of Catholic charities. See p. 161.

Entrance Antiphon

(Ps 46) **All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!**

Collect

O God, who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant, we pray, that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth. 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 —————

(Amos 9.11-15)

Thus says the Lord: On that day I will raise up the booth of David that is fallen, and repair its breaches, and raise up its ruins, and rebuild it as in the days of old; in order that they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations who are called by my name, says the Lord who does this.

The time is surely coming, says the Lord, when the one who ploughs shall overtake the one who reaps, and the treader of grapes the one who sows the seed; the mountains shall drip sweet wine, and all the hills shall flow with it.

I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel, and they shall

rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine, and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit. I will plant them upon their land, and they shall never again be plucked up out of the land that I have given them, says the Lord your God.

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

Responsorial Psalm ———
(Psalm 85)

℟. **The Lord speaks of peace to his people.**

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts. ℟.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky. ℟.

The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will

go before him, and will make a path for his steps. ℟.

Acclamation (John 10)

Alleluia. Alleluia. My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. **Alleluia.**

Gospel ———
(Matthew 9.14-17)

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

The disciples of John the Baptist came to Jesus, saying, “Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but your disciples do not fast?” And Jesus said to them, “The wedding guests cannot mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them, can they? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast.

“No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak, for the patch pulls away from the cloak, and a worse tear is made. Neither is new wine put into old wineskins;

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otherwise, the skins burst, and the wine is spilled, and the skins are destroyed; but new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved.”

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

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who graciously accomplish the effects of your mysteries, grant, we pray, that the deeds by which we serve you may be worthy of these sacred gifts. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Communion Antiphon

(Cf. Ps 102) **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.**

or

(Jn 17) **O Father, I pray for them, that they may be one in us, that the world may believe that you have sent me, says the Lord.**

Prayer after Communion

May this divine sacrifice we have offered and received fill us with life, O Lord, we pray, so that, bound to you in lasting charity, we may bear fruit that lasts for ever. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

God made me queen so that I may serve others.

—St. Elizabeth of Portugal

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Optional Memorial

Our Lady's Saturday

Roman Missal 1027; Readings:

July 4: p. 42

July 18: p. 95

Entrance Antiphon

(Cf. Lk 1) **Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.**

Collect

O God, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary, foremost among the poor and humble, to be the Mother of the Saviour, grant, we pray, that, following her example, we may offer you the homage of sincere faith and place in you all our hope of salvation. 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.**

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, the offerings of our devotion, and grant that we, who celebrate your Son's work of

boundless charity, may, through the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary, be confirmed in love of you and of our neighbour. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Preface *(BVM, p. 12)*

Communion Antiphon

(Cf. Ps 86; Lk 1) **Glorious things are spoken of you, O Virgin Mary, for he who is mighty has done great things for you.**

Prayer after Communion

Grant to your Church, O Lord, that, strengthened by the power of this Sacrament, she may eagerly walk in the pathways of the Gospel, until she reaches the blessed vision of peace, which the Virgin Mary, your lowly handmaid, already enjoys eternally in glory. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**