

October 11

Blessed John XXIII, Pope

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord chose him to be a high priest unto Himself,
and opening His treasury,
made him abound in every good.

COLLECT

**Almighty and eternal God,
who in the Pope, Blessed John XXIII,
gave to the whole world
the shining example of a good shepherd,
grant that, through his intercession,
we may with joy spread abroad the fullness of Christian charity.
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.**

Prayer of the Faithful

Let us turn to God in prayer for the needs of the Church, the world, and all people
of good will.

That the Church may be for all nations both Mother and Teacher,
giving life to her children
and teaching them with maternal care,
we pray to the Lord: **R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

That those in power over states and nations
may be attentive to those who are
in the greatest need of help and defense,
we pray to the Lord: **R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

That prisoners may be helped and encouraged;
that the lonely may be graced with the company of friends;

and that the dying may find solace in the Blood of Christ,
we pray to the Lord: **R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

That as we remember today
the anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council
we may persevere in prayer with Mary the Mother of Jesus
awaiting that New Pentecost
for which Blessed John XXIII fervently prayed,
we pray to the Lord: **R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

Almighty and ever-living God,
who filled your servant Blessed John XXIII
with good will and kindness,
with simplicity, piety, and wisdom;
mercifully grant that we who recall his memory today
may so imitate his virtues here below
as to share with him above
in the boundless joy of your glory.
Through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive, we beseech you, O Lord,
this sacrifice of your people,
so that what is offered to your glory
in honor of Blessed John XXIII
you would bestow on us for everlasting salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

PREFACE

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,
through Christ our Lord.

Who three times asked Peter if he loved him,
before finding him worthy to be the Shepherd of his sheep;
and Who, in succession to Peter, chose Blessed John XXIII
to be Bishop of the Roman Church,
to preside in love over the assembly of believers
and, made strong in faith himself,
to strengthen the faith of his brothers and sisters.

And so, with all the angels we give you glory
in this, their joyful hymn of praise, as we acclaim:

Holy, holy, holy . . .

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd lays down his life
for his sheep (Jn 10:11).

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the sacraments we have received, O Lord,
nourish within us the fire of charity
that so ardently inflamed Blessed John XXIII
that he spent himself ceaselessly for your Church.
Through Christ our Lord.



Imbued with a singular humanity, Blessed Pope John XXIII strove with greatest pastoral zeal to spread far and wide an abundance of Christian charity and to encourage all people to live in unity as brothers and sisters. Especially concerned to increase the Church's pastoral effectiveness, he convoked the Second Vatican Council. *Martyrologium Romanum*