

left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me."

The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."

The gospel of the Lord

**EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION  
IN THE FEAST  
OF BLESSED MARIA CROCIFISSA CURCIO**

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FIRST READING

A reading from the Song of Songs (8.6-7)

Set me as a seal on your heart,  
as a seal on your arm.  
For stern as death is love,  
relentless as the nether world is devotion;  
its flames are a blazing fire.  
Deep waters cannot quench love,  
nor floods sweep it away.  
Were one to offer all he owns to purchase love,  
he would be roundly mocked.

The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. *In you, Lord, I placed my joy* (Psalm 44.11-16)

- ◆ Listen, my daughter, and understand;  
pay me careful heed.  
Forget your people and your father's house,  
that the king might desire your beauty.  
He is your lord;
- ◆ All glorious is the king's daughter as she enters,  
her raiment threaded with gold.  
In embroidered apparel she is led to the king;
- ◆ The maids of her train are presented to the king.  
They are led in with glad and joyous acclaim;  
they enter the palace of the king.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Galatians (2.19-20)

Brothers and sisters, through the law I died to the law, that I might live for God. I have been crucified with Christ; yet I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me; insofar as I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God who has loved me and given himself up for me.

The word of the Lord

*Alleluia, alleluia* (cfr Lk 11, 28)

Blessed are those  
who hear the word of God and observe it.

*Alleluia, alleluia*

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (10.38-42)

In that time, as they continued their journey Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him.  
She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak.  
Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has