

# Readings: Feria

## First Reading: [Philippians 1:18b-26](#)

Brothers and sisters:

As long as in every way, whether in pretense or in truth,  
Christ is being proclaimed, and in that I rejoice,  
Indeed I shall continue to rejoice,  
for I know that this will result in deliverance for me  
through your prayers and support from the Spirit of Jesus Christ.  
My eager expectation and hope  
is that I shall not be put to shame in any way,  
but that with all boldness, now as always,  
Christ will be magnified in my body,  
whether by life or by death.  
For to me life is Christ, and death is gain.  
If I go on living in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me.  
And I do not know which I shall choose.  
I am caught between the two,  
I long to depart this life and be with Christ,  
for that is far better.  
Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for your benefit.  
And this I know with confidence,  
that I shall remain and continue in the service of all of you  
for your progress and joy in the faith,  
so that your boasting in Christ Jesus may abound on account of me

when I come to you again.

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## Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 42:2, 3, Scetef](#)

**R./ My soul is thirsting for the living God.**

As the hind longs for the running waters,  
so my soul longs for you, O God.  
**R./ My soul is thirsting for the living God.**

Athirst is my soul for God, the living God.  
When shall I go and behold the face of God?

**R./ My soul is thirsting for the living God.**

I went with the throng  
and led them in procession to the house of God.  
Amid loud cries of joy and thanksgiving,  
with the multitude-keeping festival.

**R./ My soul is thirsting for the living God.**

## Gospel Reading Introduction

Our Lord invites us to his table. He knows that we are people with faults, people who have hurt him and others, by the wrong we done and the good we have failed to do. Knowing who we are, he still loves us and invites us as his friends to join him at his table. Let us humbly take part in his meal and ask the Lord to make us more open to the humble, to people who have erred, and to the poor.

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## Gospel Reading: [Lk 14:1,7-11](#)

One sabbath Jesus had gone to eat a meal in the house of a leading Pharisee, and he was carefully watched.

Jesus then told a parable to the guests, for he had noticed how they tried to take the places of honor. And he said, "When you are invited to a wedding party, do not choose the best seat. It may happen that someone more important than you has been invited, and your host, who invited both of you, will come and say to you: 'Please give this person your place.' What shame is yours when you take the lowest seat!

"Whenever you are invited, go rather to the lowest seat, so that your host may come and say to you: 'Friend, you must come up higher.' And this will be a great honor for you in the presence of all the other guests. For whoever makes himself out to be great will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be raised."

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