



Dedication of the Lateran Basilica: This feast commemorates the dedication of the Basilica built by Emperor Constantine on the Lateran Hill, Rome. This basilica is called the Mother and Head of all churches in the City and the World.

First Reading: (*Ezek 47:1-9, 12*) The angel brought me back to the door of the temple; and behold, water was issuing from below the threshold of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east); and the water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the temple, south of the altar. Then he brought me out by way of the north gate, and led me round on the outside to the outer gate, that faces toward the east; and the water was coming out on the south side. Going on eastward with a line in his hand, the man measured a thousand cubits, and then led me through the water; and it was ankle-deep. Again he measured a thousand, and led me through the water; and it was knee-deep. Again he measured a thousand, and led me through the water; and it was up to the loins. Again he measured a thousand, and it was a river that I could not pass through, for the water had risen; it was deep enough to swim in, a river that could not be passed through. And he said to me, "Son of man, have you seen this?" Then he led me back along the bank of the river. As I went back, I saw upon the bank of the river very many trees on the one side and on the other. And he said to me, "This water flows toward the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah; and when it enters the stagnant waters of the sea, the water will become fresh. And wherever the river goes every living creature which swarms will live, and there will be very many fish; for this water goes there, that the waters of the sea may become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes. And on the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their

leaves will not wither nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing."

Ps 45:2-3, 5-6, 8-9

R. / The Lord of host is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Second Reading: (*1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17*)

We are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Do you not know that that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If any one destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are.

Gospel: (*Jn 2:13-22*) The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers at their business. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all, with the sheep and oxen, out of the temple; and he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; you shall not make my Father's house a house of trade." His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for thy house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign have you to show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this



temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?” But he spoke of the temple of his body. When therefore

he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word which Jesus had spoken.

REFLECTION

Where does God dwell? “I was searching for you, outside me. I did not find you at all because you were within me” says St Augustine. God is the God of the human heart. In this mystical temple, we can find him and relate to him freely. **He is the God of history, the God of our life.** In every moment of our lives, our God wants to be present. Yesterday with our parents, today on our roads and tomorrow without fail. The vision of the prophet Ezekiel brings home the hope of a prosperous living when the storm had passed. It is the assurance that though everything can be destroyed, God will always remain standing and alive to give us life again. God has never abandoned his people. His promises are made true in Jesus-Christ — God ever present with us