

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

STAND

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I am the salvation of the people,
says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any
distress, I will hear them, and I will
be their Lord for ever.

ENTRANCE HYMN

*Grant to us, O Lord, a heart renewed;
recreate in us your own Spirit Lord.*

Behold, the days are coming,
says the Lord our God,
when I will make a new covenant
with the house of Israel.

Deep within their being
I will implant my law;
I will write it in their hearts.

I will be their God,
and they shall be my people.

And for all their faults
I will grant forgiveness;
never more will I remember their sins.

Priest: In the name of the Father and
of the Son, and of the Holy
Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Grace to you and peace from God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Brethren (Brothers and sisters),
let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to
celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us
to one another and to the Father:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

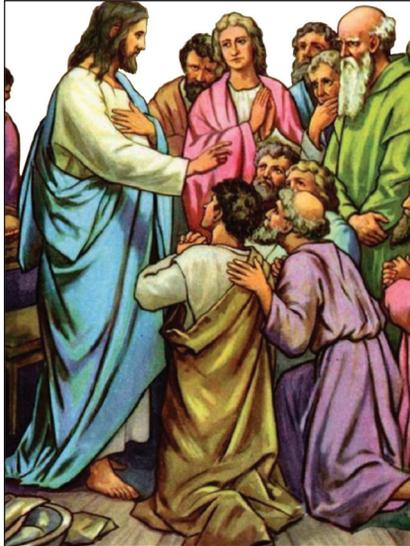
Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of
sin and division: Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with
your Father: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The absolution by the Priest follows:

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins
and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**



24th September 2023

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of
good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great
glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten
Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of
the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.



COLLECT

O God, who founded all the
commands of your sacred Law
upon love of you and of our
neighbour,
grant that, by keeping your precepts,
we may merit to attain eternal life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your
Son, who lives and reigns with you in
the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

SIT

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

55:6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Seek the Lord while he is still to be
found,
call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will
take pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord
who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above
earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps144:2-3.8-9.17-18.R.v.18

**R. The Lord is close to all who call
him.**

1. I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
The Lord is great, highly to be
praised, his greatness cannot be
measured. **(R)**
2. The Lord is kind and full of
compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R)**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. **(R)**

SECOND READING 1:20-24.27

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



ACCLAMATION Lk19:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

GOSPEL 20:1-16

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.



Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them. 'You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage.' So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, 'Why have you been standing here idle all day?' 'Because no one has hired us' they answered. He said to them, 'You go into my vineyard too.' In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first.' So



those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. 'The men who came last' they said 'have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat.' He answered one of them and said, 'My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?' Thus the last will be first, and the first last."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (All bow during the next three lines) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead

and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Raising the host, the priest says:

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands,

it will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

The priest pours wine and a little water into the chalice, saying quietly:

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

Raising the chalice, the priest says:

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands,

it will become our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God for ever.

Bowing the priest says quietly:

With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to you, O Lord.

Then the priest washes his hands, saying quietly:

Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity; and cleanse me from my sin.



Facing the people the priest says:

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray, the offerings of your people, that what they profess with devotion and faith may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER III PREFACE IV Ordinary Time

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right and just

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. For by his birth he brought renewal to humanity's fallen state, and by his suffering, cancelled out our sins; by his rising from the dead he has opened the way to eternal life, and by ascending to you, O Father, he has unlocked the gates of heaven. And so, with the company of Angels and Saints, we sing the hymn of your praise, as without end we acclaim:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**



You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise, for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, by the power and working of the Holy Spirit, you give life to all things and make them holy, and you never cease to gather a people to yourself, so that from the rising of the sun to its setting a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.
Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you: by the same Spirit graciously make holy these gifts we have brought to you for consecration, that they may become the Body and * Blood of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.
For on the night he was betrayed

he himself took bread and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The mystery of faith:

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Then the Priest, with hands extended, says:

Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the saving Passion of your Son, his wondrous Resurrection and Ascension into heaven, and as we look forward to his second coming, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church and, recognising the sacrificial Victim by whose death you willed to reconcile us to yourself, grant that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ. May he make of us an eternal offering to you, so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect, especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her Spouse, with the blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs (with Saint N., the Saint of the day or Patron Saint) and with all the Saints, on whose constant intercession in your presence we rely for unailing help.

May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation, we pray, O Lord, advance the peace and salvation of all the world. Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity your pilgrim Church on earth, with your servant Francis, our Pope, and N. our Bishop, his assistant Bishop(s) the Order of Bishops, all the clergy, and the entire people you have gained for your own.

Listen graciously to the prayers of this family, whom you have summoned before you: in your compassion, O merciful Father, gather to yourself all your children scattered throughout the world. To our departed brothers and sisters and to all who were pleasing to you at their passing from this life, give kind admittance to your kingdom. There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of your glory

The Priest joins his hands.
through Christ our Lord, through whom you bestow on the world all that is good.

The Priest takes the chalice and the paten with the host and, elevating both, he says:
Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

COMMUNION RITE



At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:
Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And with your Spirit.

The priest may add these or similar words.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

The priest places a small piece of the host in the chalice saying quietly:

May this mingling of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.

Meanwhile the people sing or say:

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world
grant us peace.**



The priest says quietly:

May the receiving of your Body and Blood, Lord Jesus Christ, not bring me to judgement and condemnation, but through your loving mercy be for me protection in mind and body, and a healing remedy.

Raising the host the priest says:

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

And together with the people he says once:

**Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed**

May the Body of Christ keep me safe for eternal life.

The Priest reverently consumes the Body of Christ.

Then he takes the chalice and says quietly:

May the Blood of Christ keep me safe for eternal life.

The Priest raises a host slightly and shows it to each of the communicants, saying:

The Body of Christ.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Ps 118: 4-5

**You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.**

COMMUNION HYMN

**Christ be beside me,
Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me,
King of my heart.
Christ be within me,
Christ be below me,
Christ be above me, never to part.**

**Christ on my right hand,
Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me,
shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping,
Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising, light of my life.**

**Christ be in all hearts,
thinking about me,
Christ be on all tongues,
telling of me.
Christ be the vision,
in eyes that see me,
in ears that see me, Christ ever be.**

PRIVATE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord of the vineyard,
we are to seek you while you can still be found.

I have sought and found you in this sacrament.

You have made me a branch of your vine.

You have also called me at the eleventh hour.

You care enough for me that you will welcome me at the end of the day even though I can never have done enough work to merit such a reward.

At least this effort; my Master, is in my everyday life to avoid anything that would be unworthy of your gospel.

May I so love you that I may one day be able to reach up and say;

I want to be gone and be with you.



STAND

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with this Sacrament, that we may come to possess your redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our life.

Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

CONCLUDING RITES

Bow head for the blessing – Ordinary Time No.9

May the Lord bless you and keep you.
Amen.

May he let his face shine upon you and show you his mercy.

Amen.

May he turn his countenance towards you and give you his peace.

Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

Amen.

Go forth, the Mass is ended,
Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

**Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.**

**O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the one Eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.**