

# TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

STAND

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 118: 137, 124**

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;  
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

## ENTRANCE HYMN

*R: Lay your hands gently upon us,  
let their touch render your peace,  
let them bring your forgiveness and healing,  
lay your hands, gently lay your hands.*

You were sent to free the broken-hearted.  
You were sent to give sight to the blind.  
You desire to heal all our illness.  
Lay your hands, gently lay your hands.

Lord, we come to you through one another,  
Lord, we come to you in all our need.  
Lord, we come to you seeking wholeness.  
Lay your hands, gently lay your hands.

**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.

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

*Striking your breast as you say:*

through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.



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*The absolution by the priest follows:*

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

Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**  
Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**  
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

## 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, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance.  
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

9:13-18

**A reading from the book of Wisdom**

What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord?

The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.

It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?

As for your intentions, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps89:3-6.12-14.17.R.v.1

**R. O Lord, you have been our refuge  
from one generation to the next.**

1. You turn men back into dust  
and say: "Go back, sons of men."  
To your eyes a thousand years  
are like yesterday, come and gone,  
no more than a watch in the night. **R.**
2. You sweep men away like a dream,  
like grass which springs up in the  
morning.  
In the morning it springs up and  
flowers:  
by evening it withers and fades. **R.**
3. Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?  
Show pity to your servants. **R.**
4. In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work  
of our hands. **R.**

## SECOND READING

9-10.12-17

**A reading from the letter of  
St Paul to Philemon**

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him I could say a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## STAND

### ACCLAMATION Jn 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,  
because I have made known to you  
everything I have learnt from my  
Father. Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

14:25-33

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy  
Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**



Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. "If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

"And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, 'Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish.' Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## STAND

### 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

## SIT

## 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.

— **STAND** —

*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**

O God, who give us the gift of true  
prayer and of peace,  
graciously grant that, through this  
offering, we may do fitting homage to  
your divine majesty  
and, by partaking of the sacred mystery,  
we may be faithfully united in mind and  
heart.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

#### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II** *Preface II in 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 out of compassion for the  
waywardness that is ours,  
he humbled himself and was born of  
the Virgin; by the passion of the Cross  
he freed us from unending death,  
and by rising from the dead he gave  
us life eternal.

And so, with Angels and Archangels,  
with Thrones and Dominions,  
and with all the hosts and Powers of  
heaven, we sing the hymn of your  
glory, 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.**



— **KNEEL** —

You are indeed Holy, O Lord,  
the fount of all holiness.

*The Priest joins his hands and, holding them  
extended over the offerings, says:*

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we  
pray,  
by sending down your Spirit upon  
them like the dewfall,  
so that they may become for us  
the Body ✠ and Blood of our Lord,  
Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed  
and entered willingly into his Passion,  
he took bread and, giving thanks,  
broke it,  
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, once more giving thanks,  
he gave it 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, as we celebrate the  
memorial of his Death and  
Resurrection, we offer you, Lord,  
the Bread of life and the Chalice of  
salvation, giving thanks that you have  
held us worthy to be in your presence  
and minister to you.

Humbly we pray that, partaking of the  
Body and Blood of Christ,  
we may be gathered into one by the  
Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church,  
spread throughout the world,  
and bring her to the fullness of charity,  
together with Leo our Pope,  
N. our Bishop, his assistant Bishop(s),  
and all the clergy.

Remember also our brothers and  
sisters who have fallen asleep in the  
hope of the resurrection, and all who  
have died in your mercy: welcome  
them into the light of your face.  
Have mercy on us all, we pray,  
that with the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Mother of God, with blessed Joseph,  
her Spouse, with the blessed Apostles  
and all the Saints who have pleased  
you throughout the ages, we may  
merit to be coheirs to eternal life,  
and may praise and glorify you  
through your Son, Jesus Christ.

*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.**

— **STAND** —

### **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.**

— KNEEL —

*The priest says quietly:*

May the receiving of your Body and  
Blood, Lord Jesus Christ,  
not bring me to judgment 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** Cf. Ps 41: 2-3

**Like the deer that yearns for  
running streams, so my soul is  
yearning for you, my God;  
my soul is thirsting for God, the  
living God.**

### COMMUNION HYMN

**Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred,  
let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury,  
your pardon, Lord,  
and where there's doubt,  
true faith in you.**

**Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life,  
let me bring hope.  
Where there is darkness only light,  
and where there's sadness ever joy.  
Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved, as to love,  
with all my soul.**

**Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are  
pardoned,  
in giving that we receive,  
and in dying that we're born  
to eternal life.**

### PRIVATE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Dearest Jesus, teach me to be  
generous; teach me to love and serve  
you as you deserve;  
to give and not to count the cost;  
to fight and not to heed the wounds;  
to toil and not to seek for rest;  
to labour and to look for no reward, save  
that of knowing that I do your holy will.

Help me, Lord to appreciate the truth  
about life, to see things as they are, that  
is, from your point of view.

O, it is hard enough for me to  
understand what is on earth, to grasp  
what lies at hand within the reach of  
created mind.

But to know your will and then put it  
into daily practice demands that I be  
guided by you, O Wisdom of God made  
Man.

So, through this Holy Communion,  
teach me what pleases you; teach me  
the value you place on things and  
events; teach me to realise that you turn  
the world upside down only to make  
sure it stands the right way up.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant that your faithful, O Lord,  
whom you nourish and endow with life  
through the food of your Word and  
heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit  
from your beloved Son's great gifts  
that we may merit an eternal share in  
his life.

Who lives and reigns for ever and  
ever.

**Amen.**

### CONCLUDING RITES

— STAND —

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**

*Bow head for the blessing – No.14*

May God bless you with every  
heavenly blessing, make you always  
holy and pure in his sight,  
pour out in abundance upon you the  
riches of his glory, and teach you  
with the words of truth;  
may he instruct you in the Gospel of  
salvation,  
and ever endow you with fraternal  
charity.

Through Christ our Lord.

**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 and announce the Gospel of  
the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### RECESSIONAL HYMN

**Lord, dismiss us with your blessing.  
Fill our hearts with joy and peace.  
Let us each, your love possessing,  
In our love for you increase.  
Come Lord Jesus, and refresh us,  
From our sins grant us relief.**

**Thanks we give and adoration  
For the Gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of your salvation  
In our hearts and lives abound.  
May your everlasting presence  
With us evermore be found.**