

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

— (STAND) —

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 69: 2, 6

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

ENTRANCE HYMN

*R. God bids us welcome to His house
and He invites us to His feast
day of great joy and happiness – Alleluia*

Great was my joy when I was told
Let us go forth to God's abode
That's in the City of the Lord. *R.*

Let us approach unto the Feast
To which the Lord invites us all
And eat the Bread which gives us life.

R.

Christ is the Sun which brings the dawn
He is the Light of all the world
Setting us free from death and sin. *R.*

Christ is alive with joy we sing
We celebrate the Risen Lord
Praising the glory of his name. *R.*

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 raise us to new life:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you feed us with your
body and blood:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.



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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.

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

Draw near to your servants, O Lord,
and answer their prayers with
unceasing kindness, that, for those
who glory in you as their Creator and
guide, you may restore what you have
created and keep safe what you have
restored.

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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

— SIT —

FIRST READING

55:1-3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:
Oh, come to the water all you who are
thirsty; though you have no money,
come!

Buy corn without money, and
eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk.

Why spend money on what is not
bread, your wages on what fails to
satisfy?

Listen, listen to me and you will
have good things to eat and rich food
to enjoy.

Pay attention, come to me; listen,
and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting
covenant out of the favours promised
to David.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps144:8-9.15-18.R.v.16

*R. You open wide your hand,
O Lord you grant our desires.*

1. 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.*
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. *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.*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

— **STAND** —

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

14:13-21

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food." Jesus replied, "There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves." But they answered, "All we have with us is five loaves and two fish." "Bring them here to me," he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And



breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

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

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

— **SIT** —

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

Graciously sanctify these gifts,
O Lord, we pray,
and, accepting the oblation of this
spiritual sacrifice,
make of us an eternal offering to you.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II

PREFACE II: 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.**

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.

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 Wis 16: 20
**You have given us, O Lord, bread
from heaven,
endowed with all delights and
sweetness in every taste.**



COMMUNION HYMN

Love is his word, love is his way,
Feasting with kin, fasting alone,
Living and dying, rising again,
Love, only love, is his way.

*Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:
Better than splendour and wealth.*

Love is his way, love is his mark,
Sharing his last Passover feast,
Christ at his table, host to the twelve,
Love, only love, is his mark.

Love is his mark, love is his sign,
Bread for our strength, wine for our joy,
“This is my body, this is my blood,”
Love, only love, is his sign.

Love is his sign, love is his news,
“Do this,” he said, “lest you forget
all my deep sorrow, all my dear blood.”
Love, only love, is his news.

Love is his news, love is his name,
We are his own, chosen and called,
Family, brethren, cousins and kin.
Love, only love, is his name.

Love is his name, love is his law.
Hear his command, all who are his:
“Love one another, I have loved you.”
Love, only love, is his law.

PRIVATE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus,
you are the living bread
that has come down from heaven.
You feed me with the meal of the Last Supper.
Abide with me.
Strengthen me to abide with you.
Nothing can come between us.
No trouble, no pain, no poverty.
Nothing can come between me
and the love of God made manifest in
you, Christ Jesus, my Lord.
“Lord Jesus, increase my love for
you.”

(STAND)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Accompany with constant protection,
O Lord, those you renew with these
heavenly gifts and, in your
never-failing care for them, make
them worthy of eternal redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

CONCLUDING RITES

(STAND)

Bow head for the blessing – No9

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

**I am the bread of life.
You who come to me shall not hunger.
He who believes in me shall not thirst.
No-one can come to me
unless the Father beckon.**

*And I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day.*

**The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread,
you shall live forever,
you shall live forever.**

**Unless you eat
of the flesh of the Son of Man,
and drink of his blood,
and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you.**