

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

— STAND —

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 67:6-7.36

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell
in his house;
he himself gives might and
strength to his people.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added
unto you;
allelu, alleluia.

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
allelu, alleluia.

You shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of
God;
allelu, alleluia.

Refrain:

Ask and it shall be given unto you,
seek and ye shall find;
knock, and it shall be opened
unto you;
allelu, alleluia.

Refrain:

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

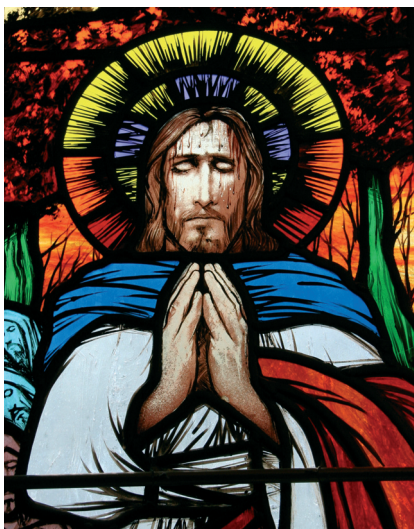
Brethren (Brothers and sisters),
let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to
celebrate the sacred mysteries.

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.



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.

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COLLECT

O God, protector of those who hope in
you, without whom nothing has firm
foundation, nothing is holy,
bestow in abundance your mercy
upon us and grant that, with you as
our ruler and guide, we may use the
good things that pass in such a way
as to hold fast even now to those that
ever endure.

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

3:5.7-12

**A reading from the first book of the
Kings**

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a
dream and said, "Ask what you would
like me to give you." Solomon replied,
"Lord, my God, you have made your
servant king in succession to David
my father. But I am a very young man,
unskilled in leadership. Your servant
finds himself in the midst of this
people of yours that you have chosen,
a people so many its numbers cannot
be counted or reckoned. Give your
servant a heart to understand how to
discern between good and evil, for
who could govern this people of yours
that is so great?" It pleased the Lord
that Solomon should have asked for
this. "Since you have asked for this"
the Lord said "and not asked for long
life for yourself or riches or the lives of
your enemies, but have asked for a
discerning judgement for yourself,
here and now I do what you ask. I
give you a heart wise and shrewd as
none before you has had and none
will have after you."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

R. Lord, how I love your law!

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means
more to me
than silver and gold. **R.**
2. Let your love be ready to console
me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I
shall live
for your law is my delight. **R.**
3. That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your
precepts: I hate false ways. **R.**
4. Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives
light
and teaches the simple. **R.**

SECOND READING **8:28-30**

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

We know that by turning everything to
their good God co-operates with all
those who love him, with all those that
he has called according to his
purpose. They are the ones he chose
specially long ago and intended to
become true images of his Son, so
that his Son might be the eldest of
many brothers. He called those he
intended for this; those he called he
justified, and with those he justified he
shared his glory.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

STAND

ACCLAMATION Jn15:15

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 **13:44-52**

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 the crowds, "The
kingdom of heaven is like treasure
hidden in a field which someone has
found; he hides it again, goes off
happy, sells everything he owns and
buys the field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like
a merchant looking for fine pearls;
when he finds one of great value he
goes and sells everything he owns
and buys it. "Again, the kingdom of
heaven is like a dragnet cast into the
sea that brings in a haul of all kinds.
When it is full, the fishermen haul it
ashore; then, sitting down, they collect
the good ones in a basket and throw
away those that are no use. This is
how it will be at the end of time: the
angels will appear and separate the
wicked from the just to throw them into
the blazing furnace where there will be
weeping and grinding of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They
said, "Yes." And he said to them,
"Well, then, every scribe who
becomes a disciple of the kingdom of
heaven is like a householder who
brings out from his storeroom things
both new and old."

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

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

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the offerings
which we bring from the abundance of
your gifts, that through the powerful
working of your grace
these most sacred mysteries may
sanctify our present way of life
and lead us to eternal gladness.
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.**

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,
Nour 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

STAND

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 Ps 102: 2

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.**



COMMUNION HYMN

*Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst.*

**I am the Bread of Life,
the true bread sent from the father.**

**Your ancestors ate manna in the
desert,
but this is the bread come down
from heaven.**

**Eat my flesh, and drink my blood
and I will raise you up on the last
day.**

**Anyone who eats this bread will
live for ever.**

**If you believe and eat this bread
you will have eternal life.**

PRIVATE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, Head of the Church your
body I welcome you, I adore you, I
love you.
Through the grace of this communion
help me to follow your way of life.
Your Father wants me to be your
image. Son of Man, you come to seek
and save.
You invite all kinds of people to your
fellowship, impetuous Peter, doubting
Thomas, Paul the Pharisee, the
repentant Magdalen.
But we are free.
We must respond to your call.
It is still possible, like Judas, to fall
away.
Lord, give me a good conscience
to discern between good and evil.

— STAND —

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We have consumed, O Lord, this
divine Sacrament,
the perpetual memorial of the Passion
of your Son;
grant, we pray, that this gift,
which he himself gave us with love
beyond all telling,
may profit us for salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

CONCLUDING RITES

— STAND —

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

Bow head for the blessing - short silence

May almighty God bless you:
the Father, and the Son,
and the Holy Spirit,
Amen.

Go and announce the Gospel of
the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



RECESSIONAL HYMN

**How lovely on the mountains
are the feet of him
who brings good news, good news,
announcing peace,
proclaiming news of happiness:
Our God reigns, Our God reigns,
Our God reigns, Our God reigns,
Our God reigns, Our God reigns,**

**Ends of the earth, see
the salvation of our God!
Jesus is Lord, is Lord!
Before the nations,
He has bared his holy arm.
Our God reigns, Our God reigns,
Our God reigns, Our God reigns,
Our God reigns, Our God reigns,**

