

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

STAND

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 37: 22-23

**Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation!**

ENTRANCE HYMN

Refrain:

*Church of God, chosen people,
sing your praise to God.
He has called you out of darkness
into his marvellous light.*

**Come, people of God with joyful song,
Praise God the Father of all.
Baptised in Christ, reborn in him.
Our hearts are filled with joy.
He cleanses our sin, renewing our lives.**

**The Church is built with living stones
with Christ as cornerstone.
In him we trust who makes us one
uniting us in love.
We build on the rock of faith in Christ.**

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

People: **Amen.**

The Lord be with you
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.

COLLECT

Almighty and merciful God,
by whose gift your faithful offer you
right and praiseworthy service,
grant, we pray, that we may hasten
without stumbling to receive the things
you have promised. Through our Lord

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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

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FIRST READING

1:14-2:2. 8-10

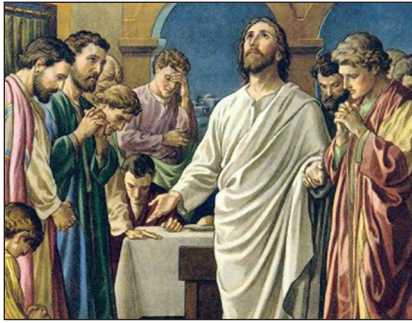
A reading from the prophet Malachi

I am a great king, says the Lord of
hosts, and my name is feared
throughout the nations. And now,
priests, this warning is for you. If you
do not listen, if you do not find it in
your heart to glorify my name, says
the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse
on you and curse your very blessing.
You have strayed from the way; you
have caused many to stumble by your
teaching. You have destroyed the
covenant of Levi, says the Lord of
hosts. And so I in my turn have made
you contemptible and vile in the eyes
of the whole people in repayment for
the way you have not kept to my
paths but have shown partiality in
your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not
one God create us? Why, then, do we
break faith with one another,
profaning the covenant of our
ancestors?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM****Ps 130**

R. Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.

1. O Lord, my heart is not proud nor haughty my eyes.
I have not gone after things too great nor marvels beyond me. **R.**

2. Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace.
A weaned child on its mother's breast, even so is my soul. **R.**

3. O Israel, hope in the Lord both now and for ever. **R.**

SECOND READING**2:7-9.13**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

STAND

ACCLAMATION 1 Sam 3:9; Jn 6:68

**Alleluia, alleluia,
Speak Lord, your servant is
listening: you have the
message of eternal life
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL**23:1-12**

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
A reading from the holy
Gospel according to Matthew.
Glorify to you, O Lord.



Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.

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

May these sacrificial offerings, O Lord,
become for you a pure oblation,
and for us a holy outpouring of your
mercy. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II***PREFACE III 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.

For we know it belongs to your
boundless glory,
that you came to the aid of mortal
beings with your divinity
and even fashioned for us a remedy
out of mortality itself,
that the cause of our downfall
might become the means of our
salvation, through Christ our Lord.
Through him the host of Angels
adores your majesty and rejoices in
your presence for ever.

May our voices, we pray, join with
theirs in one chorus of exultant
praise, as 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 Francis our Pope and
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 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 Cf. Ps 15: 11
**You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
O Lord.**

COMMUNION HYMN

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.**

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

*Christ be our light! Shine in your church
gathered today.*

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.**

**Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others
shared until all are fed.**

**Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stones.**

**Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.**

PRIVATE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, in this Holy Communion
you give me the pledge of eternal life.
Keep my mind fixed on heavenly
things.

My time on earth is passing: each
year it seems to be passing much
more quickly, as I hasten to join you,
my Lord, in the sanctuary not made

with hands, to appear in the presence
of God for all eternity.

Just as you have come to me this
morning / evening, you will come
again to save me.

Grant that when you do come, I
may be eagerly waiting for you. Then
take me, Lord Jesus, to where you
are reigning with the Father and the
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and
ever.

◀ STAND ▶

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the working of your power,
O Lord, increase in us, we pray,
so that, renewed by these heavenly
Sacraments, we may be prepared by
your gift for receiving what they
promise. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

CONCLUDING RITES

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

**Praise, my soul, the king of heaven!
To his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored,
forgiven,
who like me his praise should
sing?**

Praise him! Praise him!

Praise him! Praise him!

Praise the everlasting king!

**Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless.**

Praise him! Praise him!

Praise him! Praise him!

Glorious in his faithfulness.