

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

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

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
allelu, alleluia.*

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

We do not live by bread alone
but by ev'ry word
that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Where two or three are gathered in my
name,
there am I in your midst;
and whatsoever you ask I will do:
allelu, alleluia.

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

33:7-9

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed
to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have
appointed you as sentry to the House
of Israel. When you hear a word from
my mouth, warn them in my name. If I
say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch,
you are to die, and you do not speak
to warn the wicked man to renounce
his ways, then he shall die for his sin,
but I will hold you responsible for his
death. If, however, you do warn a
wicked man to renounce his ways and
repent, and he does not repent, then
he shall die for his sin, but you
yourself will have saved your life.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps94:1-2.6-9.R.v.7-8

R. O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord:
hail the rock who saves us,
Let us come before him, giving thanks
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R)**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **(R)**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
"Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw
my work." **(R)**

SECOND READING

13:8-10

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

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The word of the Lord.

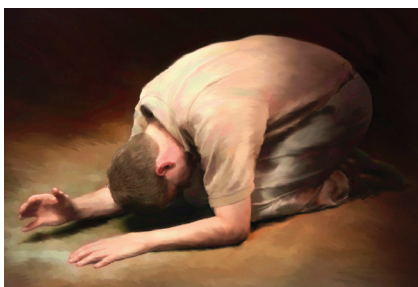
Thanks be to God.

— **STAND** —

ACCLAMATION *Jn17:17*

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth.
Alleluia**



GOSPEL

18:15-20

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: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

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.

EUCHARISTIC 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

*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.**

PRIVATE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ,
you are the Way, the Truth and the Life,
give me courage to follow your way.
Help me to treasure my friendships.
They are few enough.
The fall of a fellow Christian is not a
matter for indifference or resentment.
Grant me the tact and compassion
to prevent the fall of a brother or sister;
to settle differences among friends; to
make peace; especially in my own
home.
When my family and my friends meet in
your name,
we are not alone.

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

(Tune: Tantum Ergo)

**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.**