

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

STAND

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Dn 3: 31, 29, 30, 43, 42

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgment, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

ENTRANCE 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!*

Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.

*Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows!*

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.

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COLLECT

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven.

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

18:25-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps24:4-9.R.v.6

R. Remember your mercy, Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and
teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **(R)**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of
old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R)**
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R)**

SECOND READING

2:1-11

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

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus: His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



STAND

ACCLAMATION Jn14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
If anyone loves me he will keep my
word. and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

21:28-32

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 chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

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

Grant us, O merciful God, that this our offering may find acceptance with you and that through it the wellspring of all blessing may be laid open before us. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II PREFACE II Ordinary Time

The Lord be with you.
And with your Spirit.

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 Francis, 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

— **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 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 Ps 118: 49-50
**Remember your word to your
servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am
brought low.**

COMMUNION HYMN

Refrain:

*Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.*

*Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you shall not thirst.*

**I am the bread of life,
the true bread sent from the Father. R**

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

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

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

PRIVATE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

My risen Saviour, you are Lord to the
glory of God your Father. Your state
was divine, yet you did not cling to
your equality with God but emptied
yourself. You emptied yourself to
raise us up. I thank you. More than
words will be my response. Lord, how
often did I say 'Yes' to you but did
nothing. Give me a second chance
and I will, this time, work for you. All
are my brothers and sisters who have
received Communion with me today:
one family sharing the one meal at the
same table. May we be friends. May
we help one another. No clenched
fist, no smarting words among us;
especially at home. And never to take
the name of Jesus in vain.

The rich man was buried in hell
because he would not listen to God's
word which told him to share with
others. He neglected the poor who are
God's children.

Lord, some in our community have
more food and drink than they need,
and too many have not enough.
That is not fair. I will urge and support
action for social justice for all.
I will be generous with my own
goods. When I help a person in need,
I help you.

—(STAND)—

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May this heavenly mystery, O Lord,
restore us in mind and body,
that we may be coheirs in glory with
Christ, to whose suffering we are
united whenever we proclaim his
Death. Who lives and reigns for ever
and ever.

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

**Holy God we praise thy name.
Lord of all we bow before thee.
all on earth thy sceptre own.
all in heaven above adore thee.
Endless is thy vast domain.
Everlasting is thy reign.**

**Hark, with loud and pealing hymn,
Thee the angel choirs are praising;
Cherubim and seraphim,
One unceasing chorus raising,
Ever sing with sweet accord,
Holy, holy, holy Lord.**

**Spare thy people, Lord, we pray,
By a thousand snares surrounded:
Keep us free from sin today;
Never let us be confounded.
All my trust I place in thee,
Never, Lord, abandon me**