

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Cycle C

ENTRANCE HYMN

1. Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah, (3)
O Lord, kum ba yah.
2. Someone's crying, Lord. . .
3. Someone's singing, Lord. . .
4. Someone's praying, Lord. . .



2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. (R)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. (R)

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

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Wisdom 18:6-9
*By the same act with which you took vengeance on our
foes you made us glorious by calling us to you.*

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that,
once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust
in they would joyfully take courage.

This was the expectation of your people,
the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies;
for by the same act with which you took vengeance on
our foes

you made us glorious by calling us to you.
The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in
secret
and this divine pact they struck with one accord:
that the saints would share the same blessings and
dangers alike;
and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the
fathers.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 32:1.12.18-20.22. R) v.12

**R. Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as
his own.**

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own. (R)

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
*Abraham looked forward to a city founded, designed and
built by God.*

* Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope
for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present
remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were
commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out
for a country that was the inheritance given to him and
his descendants, and that he set out without knowing
where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner,
in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange
country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him
of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he
looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by
God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past
the age, was made able to conceive, because she
believed that he who had made the promise would be
faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man,
and one who was already as good as dead himself, more
descendants than could be counted, as many as the
stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. *

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the
things that had been promised, but they saw them in the
far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they
were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who
use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that
they are in search of their real homeland. They can
hardly have meant the country they came from, since
they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they
were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly
homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called
their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test,
offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son
even though the promises had been made to him and he
had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be
carried on. He was confident that God had the power
even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he
was given back Isaac from the dead.

* The word of the Lord. *

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
12:32-48

You too must stand ready.

* Jesus said to his disciples: * 'There is no need to be
afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give
you the kingdom.'

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves
purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail

you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.'

* 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.' *

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.'

'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

* The Gospel of the Lord. *

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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)

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.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Bread and wine we bring to you, Lord
Work of the hands of men
Soon to become your body and blood
Jesus yourself
May all who share this meal divine be one.

Humbly we bring ourselves to you, Lord
Take our hearts, take our wills
All that we have and all that we do
We give to you
All for you, our Saviour and our God.

COMMUNION HYMN

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
Oh what peace we often forfeit,
Oh what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.
2. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

1. This day God gives me, strength of high heaven
Sun and Moon shining, flame in my hearth
Flashing of lightning, wind in its swiftness,
Depths of the ocean, firmness of earth.
2. This day God sends me strength as my steersman,
Might to uphold me, wisdom as guide.
Your eyes are watchful, your ears are listening,
Your lips are speaking, friend at my side.
3. God's way is my way, God's shield is round me,
God's host defends me, saving from ill.
Angels of heaven, drive from me always
All that would harm me, stand by me still.