

TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Cycle A

ENTRANCE HYMN

1. *We have come into His house
and gathered in His name to worship Him (x2)*
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and gathered in His name
to worship Christ, the Lord,
worship Him, Christ, the Lord.
2. *So forget about yourself
and concentrate on Him and worship Him (x2)*
So forget about yourself
and concentrate on Him
and worship Christ, the Lord,
worship Him, Christ, the Lord.



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 prophet Isaiah 56:1. 6-7
I will bring foreigners to my holy mountain.

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants - all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant - these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 66:2-3. 5-6. 8 R] v. 4

**R. Let the people praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.**

1. O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)
2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. (R.)
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 11:13-15. 29-32
With Israel, God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now - and only because of the mercy shown to you - will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 15:21-28
Woman, you have great faith.

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

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)

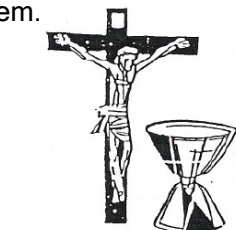
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin
Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will 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

1. In bread we bring you, Lord, our bodies labour.
In wine we offer you, our spirit's grief.
We do not ask you, Lord, who is my neighbour?
but stand united now, one in belief.
Oh we have gladly heard, your Word, your holy
Word,
and now in answer, Lord, our gifts we bring.
Our selfish hearts make true, our failing faith
renew,
our lives belong to you, our Lord and King.
2. The bread we offer you is blessed and broken,
and it becomes for us our spirit's food.
Over the cup we bring your Word is spoken;
make it your gift to us, your healing blood.
Take all that daily toil, plants in our heart's poor
soil
take all we start and spoil, each hopeful dream,
the chances we have missed, the graces we
resist,
Lord, in thy Eucharist, take and redeem.

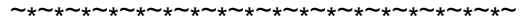


COMMUNION HYMNS

1. Faith of our fathers, living still
In spite of dungeon, fire and sword,
O how our hearts beat high with joy
Whene'er we hear that glorious word!

*Faith of our fathers! holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!*

2. Our fathers, chained in prisons dark,
Were still in heart and conscience free;
And blest would be their children's fate,
If they, like them should die for thee:
3. Faith of our fathers, faith and prayer
shall win all nations unto thee;
And through the truth that comes from God
Mankind shall then indeed be free.
4. Faith of our fathers, we will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife,
And preach thee, too, as love knows how
By kindly deeds and virtuous life.



1. There is a river
that flows from God above;
there is a fountain
that's filled with his great love.

*Come to the waters,
there is a great supply;
there is a river that
shall never run dry.*

2. Wash me with water,
and then I shall be clean;
white as the new snow,
if you remove my sin.
3. Plunged in the water,
the tomb of our rebirth,
so may we rise up
to share in Christ's new life.
4. All who are thirsty,
now hear God as he calls;
come to the Lord's side,
His life pours out for all.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

1. God's spirit is in my heart,
He has called me and set me apart
This is what I have to do,
what I have to do.
*He sent me to give the Good News to the poor,
tell prisoners that they are prisoners no more,
tell blind people that they can see,
and set the downtrodden free,
and go tell ev'ryone
the news that the Kingdom of God has come,
and go tell everyone
the news that God's kingdom has come.*
2. Just as the Father sent me,
so I'm sending you out to be
my witnesses throughout the world,
the whole of the world.