

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B

ENTRANCE HYMN

1. Sing, all creation, sing to God in gladness!
Joyously serve him, singing hymns of homage!
Chanting his praises, come before his presence!
Praise the Almighty!
2. Know that our God is Lord of all the ages!
He is our maker; we are all his creatures,
people he fashioned, sheep he leads to pasture!
Praise the Almighty!

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 Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18
We will serve the Lord, for he is our God.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord our God and serving other gods. Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 33:2-3. 16-23. R] v. 9

R. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal. (R.)
3. They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. (R.)
4. Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken. (R.)
5. Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. (R.)



SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians 5:21-32
This mystery has many implications for Christ and his Church.

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body - and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Jn 6:63. 68

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words are spirit, Lord,
and they are life:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 6:60-69
Who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life.

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?

'It is the spirit that gives life,
the flesh has nothing to offer.
The words I have spoken to you are spirit
and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

NICENE CREED

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

*Come to the Lord, Come join us in this offering
Come to the Lord, Come with us as we go,
Come to the Lord, this bread and wine we'll offer Him
Bread for His body, wine to be His blood.*

1. He is our maker, He is our God
He is our Father, He is our Saviour and our Lord.
2. New life He'll give us, our strength renew
And by His presence, His Spirit in our lives will grow.

COMMUNION HYMNS

1. With devotion I adore You, O God concealed;
Hidden under figures here, yet by faith revealed.
Even prayer is silent now; all my heart bows low.
Deepest truth is present here, more than minds can know.
2. Seeing, touching, tasting You, senses can deceive.
Hearing is the path of faith, this shall I believe.
Jesus said it; I believe.
True His words must be:
God the Son, the Word of truth, must speak truthfully.
3. On the cross You only hid Your divinity.
Here You also have concealed Your humanity.
Yet I still believe in both, and this faith I say,
And the prayer the good thief prayed, this I also pray.
4. O memorial of the death of my living Lord,
Living Bread whose saving health human life restored.
Let me find my life in You, ever-living food.
Let me ever taste of You, knowing You are good.

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*Jesus, you are my salvation,  
Jesus, you're my inspiration,  
Jesus you're the treasure of my life.*

1. Jesus, you offer new sight to the blind  
Healing the crippled, the deaf and the mute,  
Cleansing the leper and banishing ills,  
Raising the dead to life.
2. Jesus, you nurture the hungry with bread,  
Stilling the tempest and calming the sea,  
Turning life's water to glittering wine,  
Shedding your blood for me.
3. Jesus, my refuge, in you do I trust,  
Jesus, my Saviour, in you I rejoice,  
Jesus, my Way and my Truth and my Life,  
Jesus who sets me free.
4. Jesus, the wisdom and pow'r of the Lord,  
Jesus, our high priest, our Passover Lamb,  
Jesus, the brightness and image of God,  
Jesus, the King of Peace.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

1. Hail, Redeemer, King divine!  
Priest and Lamb, the throne is thine,  
King, whose reign shall never cease,  
Prince of everlasting peace.  
*Angels, saints and nations sing:  
"Praise be Jesus Christ, our King;  
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,  
King of love on Calvary."*
2. Shepherd-King, o'er mountains steep,  
homeward bring the wandering sheep,  
shelter in one royal fold  
states and kingdoms, new and old.