

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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ENTRANCE HYMN

*I rejoiced when I heard the people saying:
Let's go to the temple of the Lord.
And now at last our feet are standing
Within your gates, O Jerusalem.*

1. Jerusalem, O fairest city,
So strongly built as one united whole,
It is there that the tribes now gather,
All the tribes to worship the Lord.
2. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
Prosperity to all your dwelling places.
Let there be peace everywhere within your ramparts,
Let there be safety within your towers.



for his father's house.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R] v. 8

**R. Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.**

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. (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.

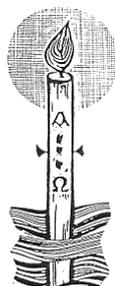
For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 22:19-23
I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder.

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of
the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.
I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.
I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory



SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans
11:33-36
*All that exists comes from him; all is by him and from
him.*

How rich are the depths of God - how deep his
wisdom and knowledge - and how impossible to
penetrate his motives or understand his methods!
Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who
could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give
him anything or lend him anything? All that exists
comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be
glory for ever! Amen.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 2 Cor 5:19
Alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
16:13-20
*You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the
kingdom of heaven.*

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi
he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people
say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he
is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah
or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do
you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are
the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus
replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man!
Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this
to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you:
You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church.
And the gates of the underworld can never hold out
against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of
heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall be
considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on
earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he

gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

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. Take my hands and make them as your own
And use them for your kingdom here on earth
Consecrate them to your care
Anoint them for your service where
You may need your gospel to be sown.
2. Take my hands they speak now for my heart
And by their actions they will show their love
Guard them on their daily course
Be their strength and guiding force
To ever serve the Trinity above.

Take my hands, take my hands, O Lord.

COMMUNION HYMNS

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry,
All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright,
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?



*Ch: Here I am Lord.
Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord,
If you lead me
I will hold your people in my heart.*

2. I the Lord of snow and rain
I have borne my peoples' pain,
I have wept for love of them,
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone
Give them hearts for love alone
I will speak my word to them
Whom shall I send?

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied,
I will give my life to them,
Whom shall I send?

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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.
4. Rising I thank you, Mighty and Strong One  
King of creation, Giver of rest.  
Firmly confessing Threeness of Persons  
Oneness of Godhead, Trinity blest.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

1. We stand for God and for His glory.  
The Lord supreme and God of all.  
Against His foes we raise His standard,  
Around the cross we hear His call.

*Strengthen our faith, Redeemer  
Guard us when danger is nigh  
To Thee we pledge our lives and service  
Strong in a trust that ne'er shall die*

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2. We stand for God, Jesus our Master,  
Has saved the world with love untold,  
His law divine and truth unchanging.  
In this our land their place must hold!