

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Cycle A

ENTRANCE HYMN

1. Where two or three are gathered in my name,
there am I, there am I.
Where two or three are gathered in my name,
there am I in their midst.
2. We gather now O Lord, in your name,
in your name, in your love.
We gather now O Lord, in your name.
You are here, you are here.
3. We ask you Lord, to show us the way
to be yours, to be yours.
We ask you Lord, to show us the way
to be yours, to be yours evermore.



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 Ezekiel 33:7-9
If you do not speak to the wicked man, I will hold you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows,
'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the
House of Israel. When you hear a word from my
mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked
man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not
speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways,
then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you
responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a
wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he
does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you
yourself will have saved your life.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R] v. 8

**R. O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work. (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 13:8-10
Love is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 17:17
Alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 18:15-20
If he listens to you, you have won back your brother.

Jesus said to his disciples: If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

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. Lord, accept this bread and wine;
Take our hearts and make them Thine.
Take our work and our anxiety
Give us life and liberty.
2. Change this bread into your body
and this wine into your blood;
Change our lives, make us united, Lord,
to spread the love of Christ, the Lord.



COMMUNION HYMNS

1. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord.
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.
2. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness ever joy.
3. Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved, as to love, with all my soul.
4. Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

in giving to all men that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

5. Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved, as to love, with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace!

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*Jesus meek and humble of heart,  
Make my heart like yours.*

1. Come to me you who are heavily broken  
And I will give you rest.  
Take my yoke and learn from me  
I am meek and humble of heart.
2. Come to me you who are thirsting for water  
And I will give you drink  
Come and stay beneath my cross  
From my heart flows living streams.
3. Follow me why do you walk in the darkness?  
When I'm the light of life?  
Come to where my Father dwells  
I'm the Way, the Truth and the Life.

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1. My God loves me,
his love will never end.
He rests within my heart
for my God loves me.
2. His gentle hand
he stretches over me.
Though storm-clouds threaten the day
he will set me free.
3. He comes to me
in sharing bread and wine.
He brings me life that will reach
past the end of time.
4. My God loves me,
his faithful love endures,
and I will live like a child
held in love secure.
5. The joys of love
as offerings now we bring.
The pains of love will be lost
in the praise we sing.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

This is my commandment,
That you love one another
As I have loved you
As I have loved you, (x2)
This is my commandment,
That you love one another,
As I have loved you.

Love your enemies,
Do good to those who hurt you,
And live in my love,
live in my love (x2)
This is my commandment.
That you love one another,
As I have loved you.