

# TWENTY- FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Cycle A

## ENTRANCE HYMN

*Sing to the mountains sing to the sea  
Raise your voices, lift your hearts  
This is the day the Lord has made  
Let all the earth rejoice*

1. I will give thanks to you my Lord  
You have answered my plea  
You have saved my soul from death  
You are my strength and my song.
2. This is the day the Lord has made  
Let us be glad and rejoice  
He has turned all death to life  
Sing of the glory of God.



## 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 Ecclesiasticus  
27:30 - 28:7

*Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and  
when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.*

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,  
and both are found with the sinner.  
He who exacts vengeance will experience the  
vengeance of the Lord,  
who keeps strict account of sin.  
Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,  
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.  
If a man nurses anger against another,  
can he then demand compassion from the Lord?  
Showing no pity for a man like himself,  
can he then plead for his own sins?  
Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment;  
who will forgive him his sins?  
Remember the last things, and stop hating,  
remember dissolution and death, and live by the  
commandments,

Remember the commandments, and do not bear your  
neighbour ill-will;  
remember the covenant of the Most High, and  
overlook the offence.

The word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 102:1-4. 9-12. R] v. 8

**R. The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.**

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)
3. His wrath will come to an end;  
he will not be angry for ever.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)
4. For as the heavens are high above the earth  
so strong is his love for those who fear him.  
As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins. (R.)

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans  
14:7-9

*Alive or dead we belong to the Lord.*

The life and death of each of us has its influence on  
others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die,  
we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to  
the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and  
came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of  
the dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** 1 Sam 3:9; Jn 6:68

Alleluia, alleluia!

## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
18:21-35

*I do not tell you to forgive seven times, but seventy-  
seven times.*

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often  
must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often  
as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell  
you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared  
to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his  
servants. When the reckoning began, they brought  
him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had  
no means of paying, so his master gave orders that  
he should be sold, together with his wife and children  
and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the  
servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give  
me time," he said, "and I will pay the whole sum." And

the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him "Pay what you owe me," he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him.

"You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

### APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 Creator of heaven and earth,  
 and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
 (All bow)  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
 born of the Virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died and was buried;  
 he descended into hell;  
 on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
 he ascended into heaven,  
 and is seated at the right hand of God the Father  
 almighty;  
 from there he will come to judge the living and the dead,

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
 and life everlasting. Amen.

### OFFERTORY HYMN

*Take thou the offering thy children make,  
 All united for thy name's sake.*

1. Heavenly Father, almighty God,  
 We offer Thee this sacrifice.  
 Show to us thy mercy, O Lord,  
 Forgive us the sins of all our life.
2. To thee, O Lord, our joy we give,  
 Our weariness, our work and woe,  
 The anxious moments that we live;  
 Lighten our burden as we go.



### COMMUNION HYMNS

*I now no longer live, Christ, my Lord, lives in me,  
 Christ for ever my joy. I will walk in His love.*

1. Christ in my mind, my life, my heart,  
 Christ to the world with joy I must bring.
2. Christ on my right, my left, around,  
 Christ to the world with joy I must bring.
3. Christ is my Way, my Peace, my Light,  
 Christ to the world with joy I must bring.

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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!*

### RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Thank you, Lord, for all you've done  
 Things both great and small,  
 And for Jesus Christ your Son,  
 Thank you most of all.*

1. You forgive us when we falter,  
 You bring healing when we sin,  
 You redeem our life from bondage  
 And renew us deep within.
2. You have brought us out of darkness  
 To the kingdom of your Son  
 In whom all things hold together,  
 By whose cross we are made one.