

# TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Cycle A

## ENTRANCE HYMN

1. Come, praise the Lord, the almighty,  
the King of all nations!  
Tell forth his fame, O ye peoples,  
with loud acclamations!  
His love is sure;  
faithful his word shall endure,  
steadfast through all generations!
2. Praise to the Father most gracious,  
the Lord of creation!  
Praise to his Son, the Redeemer  
who wrought our salvation!  
O heav'nly Dove,  
Praise to thee, fruit of their Love.  
Giver of all consolation!



2. Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
Do not remember the sins of my youth.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philipians

2:1-11

*In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.*

\*If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than your self, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:\*

His state was divine,  
yet he did not cling  
to his equality with God  
but emptied himself  
to assume the condition of a slave,  
and became as men are;  
and being as all men are,  
he was humbler yet,  
even to accepting death,  
death on a cross.  
But God raised him high  
and gave him the name  
which is above all other names  
so that all beings  
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should  
bend the knee at the name of Jesus  
and that every tongue should acclaim  
Jesus Christ as Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

\*The word of 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,

## FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel 18:25-28  
*When the sinner renounces sin, he shall certainly live.*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows:  
'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

 Ps 24:4-9. R] v. 6

**R. Remember your mercy, Lord.**

1. Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. (R.)

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

21:28-32

*He thought better of it and went. Tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you.*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then

