

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (BIBLE DAY)

Year B

ENTRANCE HYMN

1. Open your ears, O Christian people,
open your ears and hear Good News!
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood,
God has come to you!

*God has spoken to His people, Alleluia
And his words are words of wisdom, alleluia.*

2. Israel comes to greet the Saviour
Judah is glad to see his day.
From East and West the peoples travel
he will show the way.
3. He who has ears to hear His message;
He who has ears, then let him hear,
He who would learn the way of wisdom
let him hear God's words..



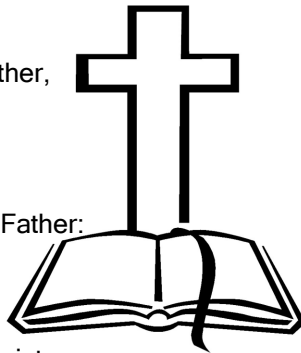
GLORIA

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 Numbers 11: 25-29
*Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the
Lord were prophets!*

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with
Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and
put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on
them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was
called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down
on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their
names were enrolled among the rest. These began to
prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to
Moses, 'Look,' he said 'Eldad and Medad are
prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of
Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord
Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you
jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the
Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them
all!'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 18 :8. 10. 12-14. R) v.9

R. The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)
2. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. (R.)
3. So in them your servant finds instruction;
great reward is in their keeping.
But who can detect all his errors?
From hidden faults acquit me. (R.)
4. From presumption restrain your servant
and let it not rule me.
Then shall I be blameless,
clean from grave sin. (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St. James 5:1-6
Your wealth is all rotting.

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the
miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all
rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your
gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same
corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your
body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your
treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields,
and you cheated them - listen to the wages that you kept
back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers
have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth
you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of
slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It
was you who condemned the innocent and killed them;
they offered you no resistance.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. Jn 17:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
9:38-43. 45. 47-48
*Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should
cause you to sin, cut it off.*

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not
one of us casting out devils in your name; and because
he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus
said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a
miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone
who is not against us is for us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just
because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly,
he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of
these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown
into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if
your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better
for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands
and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if

