

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Cycle A

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.
3. For love of my people and my friends,
This is my prayer: may lasting peace be yours,
For the sake of the house of the Lord,
I shall plead and pray for your good.

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 Exodus 22:20-26
If you are harsh with the widow, or with the orphan,
my anger will flare against you.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of the Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity." '

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 17:2-4,47.51. R) v. 2

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my savior.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. (R.)
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the
Thessalonians

1:5-10

*You broke with idolatry and became servants of
God; you are now waiting for his Son.*

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread - and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread every where. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew

22:34-40

You must love the Lord your God and your neighbor as yourself.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

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

1. Fill my house unto the fullest.
Eat my bread and drink my wine.
The love I bear is held from no-one.
*All I own and all I do
I give to you.*
2. Take my time unto the fullest.
Find in me the trust you seek,
and take my hands to you outreaching.
3. Christ our Lord with love enormous
From the cross his lesson taught
- to love all men as I have loved you.
4. Join with me as one in Christ-love.
May our hearts all beat as one,
and may we give ourselves completely.

COMMUNION HYMNS

1. O let the Son of God enfold you
with His Spirit and His love
let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul
O let Him have the things that hold you,
and His Spirit like a dove
will descend upon your life and make you whole.

*Jesus, we thank you for your word of truth
Jesus, we thank you for the bread of life.*

2. O come and sing this song with gladness,
As your hearts are filled with joy
Lift your hands in brave surrender to His name
O give Him all your tears and sadness,
Give Him all your years of pain
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.

1. I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord among the people
I will sing praises to Thee among the nations
For thy steadfast love is great
Is great to the heavens and thy faithfulness,
Thy faithfulness to the clouds.

*Be exalted O God above the heavens } 2
Let Thy glory be over all the earth.*

2. It is good to thank Thee Lord
And to praise Thy name with music
To proclaim Thy love and mercy in the morning
For Thy deeds have made me glad
At Thy works I shout in triumph
Yes how wonderful and how marvelous are Thy
designs.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

1. God's spirit is in my heart,
He has called me and set me apart
this is what I have to do,
what I have to do.
*He sent me to give the Good News to the poor,
tell prisoners that they are prisoners no more,
tell blind people that they can see,
and set the downtrodden free,
and go tell ev'ryone
the news that the Kingdom of God has come,
and go tell everyone
the news that God's kingdom has come.*
2. Just as the Father sent me,
so I'm sending you out to be,
my witnesses throughout the world,
the whole of the world.