

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Cycle B

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!



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 letter to the Hebrews 7:23-28
Because he remains for ever, Christ can never lose his priesthood.

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

The word of the Lord.

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.

GLORIA

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy 6:2-6
Listen, Israel: You shall love the Lord Your God with all your heart.

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

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 saviour,
My God is the rock where I take refuge;

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Cf. Jn 6:63. 68
Your words are spirit, Lord,
and they are life:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

Or

Alleluia, alleluia! Jn 14:23
If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 12:28-34
This is the first commandment. The second is like it.

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
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of all things visible and invisible
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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.

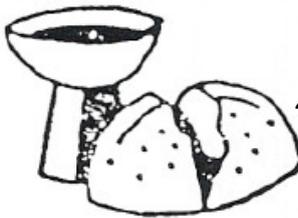
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN

1. 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. Christ our Lord with love enormous
From the cross his lesson taught
- to love all men as I have loved you.
3. Join with me as one in Christ-love.
May our hearts all beat as one
and may we give ourselves completely.



COMMUNION HYMNS

1. Jesu, the very thought of thee
With sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far thy face to see,
And in thy presence rest.
2. Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,
Nor can the memory find
A sweeter sound than thy blest name,
O Saviour of mankind!
3. O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek,
To those who fall, how kind thou art!
How good to those who seek!



4. But what to those who find? Ah! this
Nor tongue nor pen can show;
The love of Jesus, what it is
None but his lovers know.
5. Jesu, our only joy be thou,
As thou our prize wilt be;
Jesu, be thou our glory now,
And through eternity.

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1. O Lord, all the world belongs to you
And you are always making all things new.
What is wrong you forgive, and the new life you give
Is what's turning the world upside down.
 2. The world's only loving to its friends
But you have brought us love that never ends.
Loving enemies too, and this loving with you
Is what's turning the world upside down.
 3. This world lives divided and apart.
You draw us all together and we start
In your body to see that in fellowship we
Can be turning the world upside down.
 4. The world wants the wealth to live in state
But you show us a new way to be great
Like a servant you came and if we do the same
We'll be turning the world upside down.

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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

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!
2. Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou art Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.