FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A

ENTRANCE HYMN

 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!

 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!

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 prophet Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13 *In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people.*

Seek the Lord
all you, the humble of the earth,
who obey his commands.
Seek integrity,
seek humility:
you may perhaps find shelter
on the day of the anger of the Lord.
In your midst I will leave
a humble and lowly people,
and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord.
They will do no wrong,
will tell no lies;
and the perjured tongue will no longer
be found in their mouths.

But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 145:7-10, R) Mt. 5:3

R. How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who set prisoners free. (R.)

- 2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. (R.)
- 3. It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 1:26-31 God chose what is foolish by human reckoning.

Take vourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen - those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:1-12

How happy are the poor in spirit.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle;

they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:

they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:

they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:

they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called the sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible

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 Marv. 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

Take my hands and make them as your own And use them for your kingdom here on earth Consecrate them to your care Anoint them for your service where You may need your gospel to be sown.

Take my hands they speak now for my heart And by their actions they will show their love Guard them on their daily course Be their strength and guiding force To ever serve the Trinity above.

COMMUNION HYMNS

1. Love is his word, love is his way feasting with men, fasting alone. living and dying, rising again, love, only love, is his way.

Richer than gold is the love of my Lord, better than splendour and wealth.

- Love is his way, love is his mark, sharing his last Passover feast, Christ at the table, host to the Twelve, love, only love, is his mark.
- 3. Love is his mark, love is his sign, bread for our strength, wine for our joy, "This is my body, this is my blood," love, only love, is his sign.
- 4. Love is his sign, love is his news, "Do this," he said, "lest you forget all my deep sorrow, all my dear blood" love, only love, is his news.

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

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- 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.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

We stand for God and for His glory.
 The Lord supreme and God of all.
 Against His foes we raise His standard,
 Around the cross we hear His call.

Strengthen our faith, Redeemer Guard us when danger is nigh To Thee we pledge our lives and service Strong in a trust that ne'er shall die

 We stand for God, Jesus our Master, Has saved the world with love untold, His law divine and truth unchanging. In this our land their place must hold!

