

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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ENTRANCE HYMN

*Ring out your joy, give glory to God,
Lift up your hearts and sing.
Let all creation tell of His name,
Praise Him for ever more!*

1. Blessed are you God of our fathers,
Glory and praise for ever more!
Blessed your great and glorious holy name
Glory and praise for ever more!
2. Blest in the temple of your glory, Glory...
Blessed are you who gaze into the depths, Glory...

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 Jeremiah 1:4-5. 17-19
I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was
addressed to me, saying,

'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you;
before you came to birth I consecrated you;
I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.
So now brace yourself for action.
Stand up and tell them
all I command you.
Do not be dismayed at their presence,
or in their presence I will make you dismayed.
I, for my part, today will make you
into a fortified city,
a pillar of iron,
and a wall of bronze
to confront all this land:
the kings of Judah, its princes,
its priests and the country people.
They will fight against you
but shall not overcome you,
for I am with you to deliver you -
it is the Lord who speaks.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 70:1-6.15. 17. R) v.15

R. My lips will tell of your help.

1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
In your justice rescue me, free me:
pay heed to me and save me. (R.)
2. Be a rock where I can take refuge,
a mighty stronghold to save me;
for you are my rock, my stronghold.
Free me from the hand of the wicked. (R.)
3. It is you, O Lord, who are my hope,
my trust, O Lord, since my youth.
On you I have leaned from my birth,
from my mother's womb you have been my help. (R.)
4. My lips will tell of your justice
and day by day of your help.
O God, you have taught me from my youth
and I proclaim your wonders still. (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the
Corinthians 12:31 - 13:13
*There are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the
greatest of these is love.*

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show
you a way that is better than any of them.

If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but
speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a
cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy,
understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing
everything, and if I have faith in all its fulness, to move
mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I
give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even
let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it
will do me no good whatever.

*Love is always patient and kind: it is never jealous;
love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or
selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful.
Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but
delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust,
to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

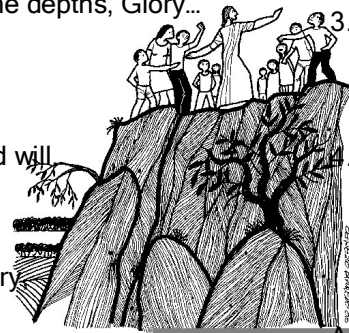
Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts
of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or
the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and
knowledge - for this, too, the time will come when it must
fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying
is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect
things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk
like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child,
but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me.
Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then
we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I
have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I
am known.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope
and love; and the greatest of these is love.

The word of the Lord.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 14:5

Alleluia, alleluia!



GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 4:21-30
Like Elijah and Elisha, Jesus is not sent to the Jews only.

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips.

They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside." ' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.'

'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

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 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

Bread and wine we bring to you, Lord
Work of the hands of men
Soon to become your body and blood
Jesus yourself
May all who share this meal divine be one.

Humbly we bring ourselves to you, Lord
Take our hearts, take our wills
All that we have and all that we do
We give to you
All for you, our Saviour and our God.

COMMUNION HYMN

*O Lord, I know you are near,
Standing always at my side.
You guard me from the foe,
And you lead me in ways everlasting.*

1. Lord, you have searched my heart,
And you know when I sit and when I stand.
Your hand is upon me protecting me from death,
keeping me from harm.
2. When can I run from your love?
If I climb to the heavens, you are there.
If I fly to the sunrise or sail beyond the sea,
Still I'd find you there.
3. You know my heart and its ways,
You who formed me before I was born,
In secret of darkness, before I saw the sun,
in my mother's womb

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

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

Daily, Daily sing to Mary, Sing my soul her praises due;  
All her feasts, her actions worship, with a heart's  
devotion true  
Lost in wond'ring contemplation, Be her Majesty  
confessed;  
Call her Mother, call her Virgin, Happy Mother, ever  
blest.

She is mighty to deliver; call her trust her lovingly;  
When the tempest rages round thee, She will calm the  
troubled sea.

Gifts of heaven she is given, Noble Lady! To our race,  
She the Queen, who decks her subjects with the light of  
God's own grace.