

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Cycle A

ENTRANCE HYMN

*I'll turn my steps to the altar of God,
I'll turn my steps to the gladness of my life.*

1. Show your justice in * pleading my cause
Let me walk in the * way of your laws.
2. Lead me on with your * power and strength
And my courage will * never be spent.
3. Fills my heart with your * truth and your light
As I enter with * joy in your sight.

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 Leviticus 19:1-2. 17-18
You must love your neighbour as yourself.

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.

"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord." '

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R] v. 8

R. The Lord is compassion and love.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. (R.)

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)
3. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)
4. As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. (R.)



SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the
Corinthians 3:16-23
*All are your servants, but you belong to Christ and Christ
belongs to God.*

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew 5:38-48
Love your enemies.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be

sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

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

1. On the paten with the host
I offer up my lowly heart
All my life, my deeds, my thoughts,
thine shall be as mine Thou art.
2. In the chalice let me be
a drop of water mingled there
Lost, O Jesus, in Thy love,
Thy great sacrifice I share.

3. All today and everyday,
O Jesus, let me live in Thee
So that I no longer live,
but that Thou mayst live thru me

COMMUNION HYMNS

1. There is a river
that flows from God above;
there is a fountain
that's filled with his great love.
*Come to the waters,
there is a great supply;
there is a river that
shall never run dry.*
2. Wash me with the water,
and then I shall be clean;
white as the new snow,
if you remove my sin.
3. Plunged in the water,
the tomb of our rebirth,
so may we rise up
to share in Christ's new life.
4. All who are thirsty,
now hear God as he calls;
come to the Lord's side,
His life pours out for all.

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1. Cause me to come to your river, O Lord (3)  
Cause me to come, cause me to drink,  
cause me to live.
2. Speak, Lord, your word, I am listening to you (3)  
Speak to my mind, speak to my will,  
speak to my heart.
3. Feed me, O Lord, with your body and blood (3)  
Strengthen my mind, strengthen my will,  
strengthen my heart.

### RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Thank you, Lord, for all you've done  
Things both great and small,  
And for Jesus Christ your Son,  
Thank you most of all.*

1. You forgive us when we falter,  
You bring healing when we sin,  
You redeem our life from bondage  
And renew us deep within.
2. As the rain comes down from heaven  
And it makes the earth yield fruit,  
So the Word that you planted  
In our heart has taken root.

