

20th March 2022

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 24: 15-16

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the
snare. Turn to me and have mercy
on me, for I am alone and poor.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Behold the days are coming,
says the Lord our God,
when I will make a new covenant
with the house of Israel.

*R: Grant to us, O Lord, a heart renewed;
recreate in us your own spirit Lord!*

Deep within their being
I will implant my law;
I will write it in their hearts.

*R: Grant to us, O Lord, a heart renewed;
recreate in us your own spirit Lord!*

I will be their God
and they shall be my people.

*R: Grant to us, O Lord, a heart renewed;
recreate in us your own spirit Lord!*

And for all their faults
I will grant forgiveness;
never more .

*R: Grant to us, O Lord, a heart renewed;
recreate in us your own spirit Lord!*

Priest: In the name of the Father and
of the Son, and of the Holy
Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Grace to you and peace from God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL RITE

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You bring pardon and peace to the
sinner: Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

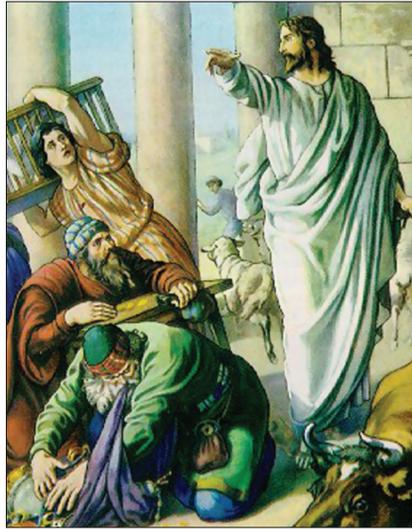
You bring light to those in darkness:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The absolution by the Priest follows:

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins
and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.



COLLECT

O God, author of every mercy and of
all goodness,
who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving
have shown us a remedy for sin,
look graciously on this confession of
our lowliness, that we, who are bowed
down by our conscience,
may always be lifted up by your mercy.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your
Son, who lives and reigns with you in
the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

SIT

FIRST READING 3:1-8.13-15

A reading from the book of Exodus
Moses was looking after the flock of
Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of
Midian. He led his flock to the far side
of the wilderness and came to Horeb,
the mountain of God. There the angel
of the Lord appeared to him in the
shape of a flame of fire, coming from
the middle of a bush. Moses looked;
there was the bush blazing but it was
not being burnt up. "I must go and
look at this strange sight," Moses said,
"and see why the bush is not burnt."
Now the Lord saw him go forward to
look, and God called to him from the
middle of the bush. "Moses, Moses!"
he said. "Here I am," he answered.

"Come no nearer," he said. "Take off
your shoes, for the place on which you
stand is holy ground. I am the God of
your father," he said, "the God of
Abraham, the God of Isaac and the
God of Jacob." At this Moses covered
his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, "I have seen the
miserable state of my people in Egypt.
I have heard their appeal to be free of
their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well
aware of their sufferings. I mean to
deliver them out of the hands of the
Egyptians and bring them up out of
that land to a land rich and broad, a
land where milk and honey flow."

Then Moses said to God, "I am to
go, then, to the sons of Israel and say
to them, 'The God of your fathers has
sent me to you.' But if they ask me
what his name is, what am I to tell
them?" And God said to Moses, "I Am
who I Am. This", he added, "is what
you must say to the sons of Israel:
'The Lord, the God of your fathers, the
God of Abraham, the God of Isaac,
and the God of Jacob, has sent me to
you.' This is my name for all time; by
this name I shall be invoked for all
generations to come."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps102:1-4.6-8.11.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 does deeds of justice,
gives judgment for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons. **R.**
4. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above
the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear
him. **R.**

**A reading from the first letter of
St Paul to the Corinthians**

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

— **STAND** —

ACCLAMATION *Mt 4:17*

**Glory to you, O Christ,
you are the Word of God
Repent, says the Lord,
for the kingdom of heaven is close
at hand.**

**Glory to you, O Christ,
you are the Word of God.**

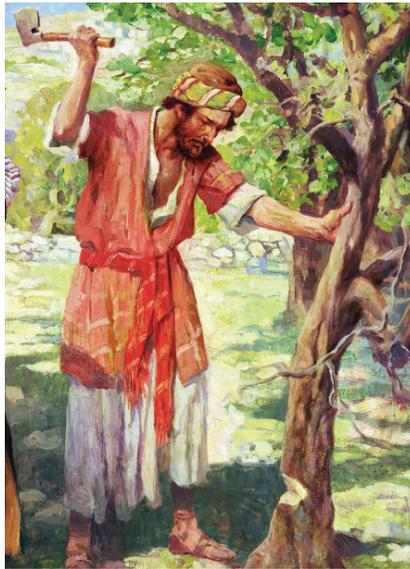
GOSPEL

13:1-9

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
A reading from the holy
Gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.



Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, "Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you.



No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did."

He told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied, "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.' "

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

— **STAND** —

PROFESSION OF FAITH

**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 during the next three lines)
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.**

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

— **SIT** —

Raising the host, the priest says:

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.
Blessed be God for ever.

The priest pours wine and a little water into the chalice, saying quietly:

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

Raising the chalice, the priest says:

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.
Blessed be God for ever.

Bowing the priest says quietly:

With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to you, O Lord.

Then the priest washes his hands, saying quietly:

Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity; and cleanse me from my sin.



◀ **STAND** ▶

Facing the people the priest says:

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial offerings, and grant that we who beseech pardon for our own sins, may take care to forgive our neighbour. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PREFACE: II of Lent
EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II

The Lord be with you.
And with your Spirit.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
For you have given your children a sacred time for the renewing and purifying of their hearts, that, freed from disordered affections, they may so deal with the things of this passing world as to hold rather to the things that eternally endure.

And so, with all the Angels and Saints, we praise you, as without end we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.



◀ **KNEEL** ▶

You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness.

The Priest joins his hands and, holding them extended over the offerings, says:

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body ✠ and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The mystery of faith

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.

Then the Priest, with hands extended, says:

Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you.

Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with Francis, our Pope, N. our Bishop, his assistant Bishop(s), and all the clergy.

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face.

Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her Spouse, with the blessed Apostles and with all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

The Priest takes the chalice and the paten with the host and, elevating both, he says:

Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.
Amen.

COMMUNION RITE

◀ **STAND** ▶

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.
Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you
always.

And with your Spirit.

The priest may add these or similar words.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

The priest places a small piece of the host in the chalice saying quietly:

May this mingling of the body and
blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
bring eternal life to us who receive it.

Meanwhile the people sing or say:

**Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world
grant us peace.**

— KNEEL —

The priest says quietly:

May the receiving of your Body and
Blood,
Lord Jesus Christ,
not bring me to judgement and
condemnation,
but through your loving mercy
be for me protection in mind and
body, and a healing remedy.

Raising the host the priest says:

Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of
the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper
of the Lamb.

And together with the people he says once:

**Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**

May the Body of Christ
keep me safe for eternal life.

The Priest reverently consumes the Body of Christ.

Then he takes the chalice and says quietly:

May the Blood of Christ
keep me safe for eternal life.

The Priest raises a host slightly and shows it to each of the communicants, saying:

The Body of Christ.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Jn 4: 13-14

**For anyone who drinks it, says the
Lord, the water I shall give will
become in him
a spring welling up to eternal life.**

COMMUNION HYMN

*Eat this bread, drink this cup.
come to me and never be hungry.*

*Eat this bread, drink this cup
trust in me and you will not thirst.*

**I am the Bread of Life,
the true bread sent from the Father.**

**Your ancestors ate manna in the
desert,
but this is the bread come down
from heaven.**

**Eat my flesh, and drink my blood,
and I will raise you up on the last day.**

**Anyone who eats this bread
will live forever.**

**If you believe and eat this bread
you will have eternal life.**

PRIVATE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

You are the God of Abraham, the God
of Isaac, the God of Jacob,
the eternal God without beginning or
end, the One who is, yet who
condescends to come to me and save
me from the bondage caused by my sins.
Lord, I am not worthy to stand on this
holy ground and receive you, my Lord
and my God, into my soul.
Lord, I want to repent, I want to do
penance, I want to cooperate with your
loving designs.

Yet I am weak, and as long as I live in
this vale of tears,
I have to take great care that I do not
fall into sin.

You made me one with you in the
waters of baptism;
often you have made me eat and drink
your Body and Blood, yet time and
time again I have failed to please you.
Through the graces of this Holy
Communion help me to improve my
way of life, and rather than let me
perish in the desert of selfishness,
make me bear fruit which will last for
ever.

— STAND —

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we receive the pledge
of things yet hidden in heaven
and are nourished while still on earth
with the Bread that comes from
on high,
we humbly entreat you, O Lord,
that what is being brought about in us
in mystery
may come to true completion.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

CONCLUDING RITES

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Direct, O Lord, we pray, the hearts of
your faithful,
and in your kindness grant your
servants this grace:
that, abiding in the love of you and
their neighbour, they may fulfil the
whole of your commands.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

Bow head for the blessing – short silence
And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the
Holy Spirit, come down on you and
remain with you for ever.
Amen.

Go and announce the Gospel of
the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

**How lovely on the mountains
are the feet of him
who brings good news, good news,
announcing peace,
proclaiming news of happiness:
*Our God reigns, Our God reigns.
Our God reigns, Our God reigns.
Our God reigns, Our God reigns.***

**Ends of the earth, see
the salvation of our God!
Jesus is Lord, is Lord!
Before the nations,
he has bared his holy arm.
*Our God reigns, Our God reigns.
Our God reigns, Our God reigns.
Our God reigns, Our God reigns.***