

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Tell among the nations his glory, and his wonders among all the peoples; for the Lord is great and highly to be praised.

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You will come in glory with salvation for your people:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
May almighty God have mercy on us.....Amen.

**THE 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.

**OPENING PRAYER**

O God, you have willed that your Church be the sacrament of salvation for all nations, so that Christ's saving work may continue to the ends of the ages; stir up, we pray, the hearts of your faithful and grant that they may feel a more urgent call to work for the salvation of every creature, so that from all the peoples on earth one family and one people of your own may arise and increase.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ...

**LITURGY OF THE WORD****FIRST READING Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14,16-19**

*A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus*

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication nor the widow's as she pours out her story. The man who with his whole heart serves

God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable, nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.

And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

**The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 32:2-3.17-19. 23**

**R. This poor man called; the Lord heard him.**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad.

[R]

2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked  
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.  
The just call and the Lord hears  
and rescues them in all their distress.

[R]

3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;  
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.  
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.  
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.

[R]

**SECOND READING 2 Timothy 4: 6-8. 16 - 18**

*A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy*

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me - may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia! God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL Luke 18: 9 - 14**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.*

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else. 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

**The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**focus on sunday**

MISSION SUNDAY: THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 23rd October 2022

Theme: 'You Will Be My Witnesses.'

The mission entrusted to each one of us is - to be courageous and generous in spreading the Good News so that Christ's kingdom will extend to the ends of the earth.

**NICENE CREED**

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,  
and by the Holy Spirit

*All bow for following 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.

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST****PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

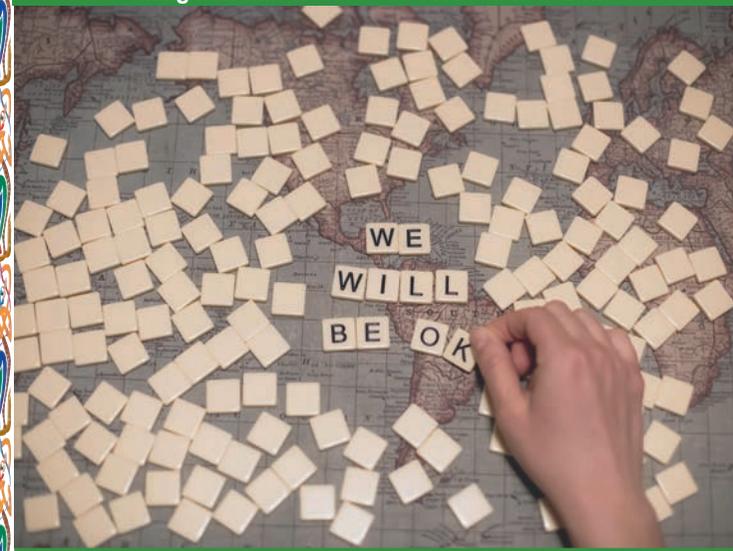
May the offerings and prayers of your Church, O Lord, rise up in the sight of your majesty and gain acceptance, just as the glorious Passion of your Son was pleasing to you for the salvation of the whole world. Through Christ our Lord.

**AFTER THE CONSECRATION**

*The mystery of faith.*  
We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and  
profess your Resurrection until you  
come again.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

May our participation at your table sanctify us, O Lord, we pray, and grant that through the Sacrament of your Church all nations may receive in rejoicing the salvation accomplished on the Cross by your Only Begotten Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.



Mission Sunday calls all believers to be witnesses to the Gospel. Prayerfulness is what makes our witness to Christ credible and effective. Without prayer in our lives our witnessing will have an empty sound to it.

According to St. John Damascene, prayer is the raising of the mind and heart to God to praise, worship and adore him, and to ask him to grant what we need. Prayer takes time and attention. Time today is a very valuable commodity. Many cannot find time for prayer. There is no short-cut or fast-track prayer; we must be prepared to sacrifice something we greatly value if we are serious about prayer: precious time.

Prayer should come from an honest heart. When we pray for peace, say peace in Ukraine, our own lives should be marked by peace with those around us. If we pray for peace while at the same time nursing a grudge against someone, our prayer will lack an element of integrity and be less effective.

We do not pray to inform God about our needs. He already knows what we really need. We pray to present ourselves before God to tell our story, admit our faults and to become more aware that God's love covers everything, including our sins. We pray to find peace so we can once again feel good, let go of the day's failures, get some sleep, and start again tomorrow.

Regular prayer renews us, gets us back on track, and gives us fresh courage to go forward. Prayerfulness is an awareness of the continuing presence of God, the capacity to walk in touch with God through everything in life.

Fr. Joe Walsh