

There is no point in pretending before God: he sees us exactly as we are. If we place ourselves honestly and humbly in his presence then our prayer will be heard.



"May your love be upon us,
O Lord, as we place all our hope in you"



We all know people who are ambitious and their ambitions for top jobs, money, and possessions take over. They would do much to be thought well of. Jesus challenges today the ambition of James and John to be at the top of the group of apostles, and he challenges the anger of the others at them. Not all ambition is negative. Paul says in 1 Corinthians, 'be ambitious for the higher gifts', and he lists how to be ambitious for love.

Jesus himself was an ambitious man! He says, 'I have come to serve and not be served'. This is his ambition fitting in with the mission in life given him by his Father.

We can see this in all he did and all he suffered. He challenges James and John that the calling would be live as he did, 'to drink the cup he would drink'. To the others who were angry with them, Jesus gave the ambition for every follower of his, 'you must be the slave to all'.

This is a big part of the Christian life. Our faith leads us to the gospel of Jesus to hear his word and let that word fill us, and then to move us out in generous service of many. It is a vision of life well worth following, for the good of the world, and the good of Creation whose servants we are.

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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 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

Grant us, Lord, we pray, a sincere respect for your gifts, that, through the purifying action of your grace, we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve. 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

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things, we may be helped by what you give in this present age and prepared for the gifts that are eternal.
Through Christ our Lord.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father::

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division: Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy

Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us.....Amen.

THE GLORIA

Glorify 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

Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 53:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering.

If he offers his life in atonement,

he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.

His soul's anguish over

he shall see the light and be content.

By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 32:4-5

R. May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right

and fills the earth with his love. [R]

2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. [R]

3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. [R]

SECOND READING Hebrews 4:14-16

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The Son of Man came to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 10. 35-45 (*Shorter form 10:42-45)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus, 'Master,' they said to him, 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so *Jesus called his disciples to him and said to them 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*'

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

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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,

