

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my
rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

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.**
May almighty God have mercy..... **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

Draw near to your servants, O Lord, and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness, that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide, you may restore what you have created and keep safe what you have restored. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21 - 23

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes
Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!
For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.
The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps.94: 1-2, 6-9

R. O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **[R]**

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **[R]**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'
[R]

SECOND READING Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians
Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.
That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

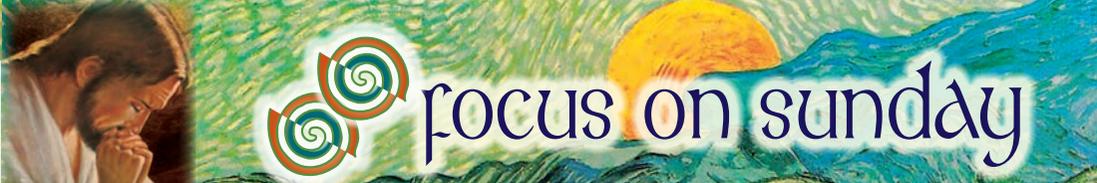
**Alleluia, alleluia!
How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Alleluia!**



GOSPEL Luke 12: 13 - 21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance,' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours,



**We are warned today against falling into the trap of greed.
We are urged to become rich, not in the goods of this
world but in the sight of God.**

whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

**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,
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

Graciously sanctify these gifts, O Lord, we pray, and, accepting the oblation of this spiritual sacrifice, make of us an eternal offering to you. Through Christ our Lord.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

**The mystery of faith.
Save us, Saviour of the world, for
by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.**



*Become rich
in what
matters to God*



The gospel today is a story of greed and of hoarding and of ignoring others' needs. It is about the futility of greed; and that much of what we value and spend energy on is not lasting.

It is greed that Jesus condemns, not money spent planning for our family.

EFFECTS OF GREED

Our society has been crippled by greed. So many people are in negative equity, mortgage arrears and debt, not because of their own greed but the greed of financial leadership.

Pope Francis often mentions the evil of greed. Other sins are not as bad! "Humanity and all creation must not be at the service of money... humanity must renounce its adoration of money and instead put at its centre the person, the common good and future generations who will people the Earth after us," and "only when we are able to share do we truly become rich... The measure of the greatness of a society is found in the way it treats those most in need, those who have nothing apart from their poverty."

GOOD FROM SHARING

So much good comes from sharing. We know we are better for it. Our parishes are committed to sometimes small but consistent help to the very poor at home and abroad. The way we have come together to do our best to help the people who were forced to flee because of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. This is one response of love.

All the things in this world are gifts from God. We appreciate and use all these gifts of God insofar as they contribute to the prosperity of all.

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