

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:

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**

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. Through our Lord Jesus Christ...

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING Malachi 3:19 - 20**

*A reading from the prophet Malachi*

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 97:5 - 9**

**R. The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.**

1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music. With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. [R]
2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples. Let the rivers clap their hands

and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord. [R]

3. For the Lord comes, he comes to rule the earth. He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with fairness. [R]

**SECOND READING 2 Thessalonians 3: 7 - 12**

*A reading from the 2nd letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians.*

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia! Stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL Luke 21: 5 - 19**

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

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now - the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name - and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

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



focus on sunday

*World Day of the Poor*

The Mass today reminds us that in all despair and evils of life, the resurrection of Christ is a saving promise. Nothing can shake the certainty that Jesus has been raised and that God's goodness can overcome every injustice and evil.



You will call upon me.

I WILL ANSWER

**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,

*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, O Lord, we pray, that what we offer in the sight of your majesty may obtain for us the grace of being devoted to you and gain us the prize of everlasting happiness. 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**

We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery, humbly imploring, O Lord, that what your Son commanded us to do in memory of him may bring us growth in charity. Through Christ our Lord.



Jesus, "though he was rich, yet for [our] sakes became poor, so that by his poverty [we] might become rich (2 Cor 8:9). These are the words Pope Francis asks us to reflect on for this sixth World Day of the Poor. In this year when the economic shocks of pandemics, lockdowns and now the Russian invasion of Ukraine have forced more people into poverty the Pope reminds us, in solidarity with Christ, to "make charity, faith and hope the basis of our lives and our actions" (Message for the sixth World Day of the Poor pub. 13th June 2022)

Why should we open our hearts to the poor? Why not just get on with our lives, look after ourselves famously just ignore the others? It's what we do in many ways. The Pope highlights the cry of the poor each year on this Sunday. It is because of our family bond with God that we care "for those who are least, those whom society discards" (Evangeli Gaudium, 195). We care because the principal care of Jesus was for the poor. In Jesus God suffers with and for the poor, and through us all, wants to better their lot.

'Scripture constantly speaks of God acting on behalf of the poor. He is the one who "hears" their "cry" and "comes to their aid"; he "protects" and "defends" them; he "rescues" and "saves" them... Indeed, the poor will never find God indifferent or silent in the face of their plea. God is the one who renders justice and does not forget (cf. Ps 40:18; 70:6); he is their refuge, and he never fails to come to their assistance (cf. Ps 10:14).' Letter of Pope Francis for this day in 2019.

God acts today through his people. He wants equality of opportunity and of the plenty of the world for all. Again the Pope's letter for 2019: 'The God that Jesus came to reveal is a Father who is generous, merciful, unflinching in his goodness and grace. He gives hope especially to those who are disillusioned and lacking in hope for the future.' Only in the efforts in love of all of us, church and state can this become reality. "It is not talk that matters; what matters is rolling up our sleeves and putting our faith into practice through a direct involvement" (Letter for today, 2022)

*Lord, as you hear the cry of poor, may we also hear this cry and respond. May your will be done.*

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