

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Tell among the nations his glory, and all his wonders among 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....

## 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 .....

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING *Isaiah 45:1.4-6*

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

Thus says Yahweh to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I am you

that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

**The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**  
**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 95:1, 3-5, 7-10**

**R. Give the Lord glory and power.**

1. O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. (R)
2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. (R)
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts. (R)
4. Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R)

### SECOND READING *1 Thessalonians 1:1-5*

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians**  
From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Your word is truth, O Lord: consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL *Matthew 22:15-21*

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's,' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar-and to God what belongs to God.'

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



MISSION SUNDAY: TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 22nd October 2023

Theme: Hearts on fire, feet on the move

**On this World Mission Sunday, we reach out and offer our love, our support, prayers and joy to all the Christian communities throughout the world.**

### APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**

**All bow for following two lines: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. 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.**

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**O praise the Lord, all you nations; acclaim him, all you peoples! For his merciful love has prevailed over us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever.**

### 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.



'Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God' is a well-known and oft quoted line from the gospel. Jesus said it to the Pharisees after they had shown him a Roman coin that had Caesar's image on it. Caesar's image gave the coin authenticity and distinguished it from fake currency.

According to the Bible we are made in the image and likeness of God. That the Creator's image is stamped on us gives us our unique value and dignity as humans. Nothing else in the universe is made in God's image and likeness. We are peerless, and 'wonderfully made' – Psalm 138. In these times of 'man's inhumanity to man' it is horrifying to see what we do to one another as humans. Neither our ethnic origin, gender, sexual direction, nationality, the colour of our skin, nor the accent of our speech diminishes our humanness and image and likeness to God.

Baptism puts us in a new and infinitely richer relationship with God. It leaves an indelible mark on us. Through it we become the gold standard of humanity, that for which God made us in the first place. The Church is the community of the baptised. It may not always seem so, but Baptism is the great mystery of our faith. Through baptism we share in Christ's victory over sin and death, Christ lives in us, and we share in the divine life of God.

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