

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins:

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood:

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

Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING 1 Samuel 3:3-10.19

A reading from the first Book of Samuel.

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered,

'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 39: 2.4 7-10

R. Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.

He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.

[R]

2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I.

[R]

3. In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.

My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart.

[R]

4. Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.

My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord.

[R]

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 6:13-15. 17-20

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body.

Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah - which means the Christ - grace and truth have come through him. Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 1:35-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' - which means Teacher - 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the



focus on sunday

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 14th January 2024

The Christian life is a calling from God to be companions of Jesus and work for the spread of his love and justice. All of us are asked to do this in our own lives.

Come and see



The experts tell us that the longest journey on the planet is the journey within. And it's probably the hardest journey we can take. Our interior world is confusing. People struggle with the personal issues

of the 'inside world' that confounds them. Without spending time in personal reflection before God, the heart can feel like a foreign territory. It's easier to engage with the busyness of daily life than listening to what's stirring within us.

When Jesus first sees John's disciples in today's Gospel he asks them about their heart's desires. "What do you want?" And then they ask him a question, but it is not "what are we to do? Feed the poor? Say our prayers?" Instead they dig deeper. "Rabbi, where do you live?" They wanted to know what goes on in Jesus' inmost heart. Who ARE you?

The Christian life begins with some inside wisdom about Jesus Christ. Very shortly before his death Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Who do you say I am?" He wasn't looking for an answer from his CV. Jesus wanted something more, a personal and heartfelt relationship of trust. To follow Christ is to live with a heart open to commit, a heart willing to change, a heart ready to serve, a heart disposed to pray, like Samuel, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."

The world is hungry not for more experts and busier people but for people with big, big hearts. It seeks not only people who work for God but those who have come to know God through personal prayer and encounter.

Fr. Joe Walsh

Messiah' - which means the Christ - and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' - meaning Rock.

**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

Pray brothers and sisters.....

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at
your hands for the praise and glory of
his name, for our good and the good of
all his holy Church.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection until
you come again.