

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you healed the sick:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you forgave sinners:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you give yourself to heal us and bring us strength:

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, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son, we may abound in good works. Through our Lord Jesus Christ,.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Jonah 3:1-5.10*

A reading from the prophet Jonah:

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.'

And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 24)

R. Lord, make me know your ways.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **[R]**

2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **[R]**

3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **[R]**

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 7:29-31.*

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

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
The kingdom of God is close at hand;
believe the Good News. Alleluia!

GOSEL *Mark 1:14-20*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake - for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

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

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.



focus on sunday

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 21st January 2024

*Sunday of the Word of God
(Catholic School Week begins)*

The calling of Jesus is a calling to a generous and wholehearted following of his gospel.



Repent and believe



Imagine two children looking up at the stars. One says, "I bet you those stars are five miles away." The other replies, "No, stupid, they are ten miles away."

And they have a big argument over how far away the stars are. The children have no concept of 41,000,000,000 kilometres, (which of us has?), the distance of the nearest star to us, so they use concepts, five miles and ten miles, which, to them, means a long way away, but which are hopelessly inadequate to express the reality. Similarly, our human concepts can never understand God because God is mystery. So, when our Christian denominations argue over theological issues, we are like the children arguing over five miles or ten miles! And we allow those arguments to divide us! But we are united by all that we have in common: we believe in God, the mystery; we believe that Jesus was born, died on a cross and rose again; we commit ourselves to obeying, as best we can, the extremely difficult new commandment which he gave us, to "love one another as I have loved you," and we seek to continue the task Jesus began, to build the Kingdom of God "on earth as it is in Heaven." In all our parishes, working with other denominations to promote justice, peace and inclusion on earth is both Christian Unity in action, and in progress. All Christians are called, not only to pray for Christian Unity, but to work together for it.

Fr. Peter McVerry

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray, and in sanctifying them grant that they may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.
When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**Look toward the Lord and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, receiving the grace by which you bring us to new life, we may always glory in your gift. Through Christ our Lord.