



focus on sunday

THIRTY - FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 3rd November 2024

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right and just.

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.
We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and
profess your Resurrection until you come
again.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God,
Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter
under my roof, but only say the word and
my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**Just as the living Father sent me
and I have life because of the Father,
so whoever feeds on me
shall have life because of me,
says the Lord.**



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the working of your power, O Lord,
increase in us, we pray, so that,
renewed by these heavenly Sacraments,
we may be prepared by your gift
for receiving what they promise.
Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
May the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ☩ and the Holy
Spirit, come down on you and remain with
you for ever.

Go in peace. Thanks be to God.

The commandment of God is to love him and love people:
both are so interlinked that in loving people we love God.



*“Love
the Lord
your God”*



Today's Gospel paints a familiar scene: Jesus being tested by the Jewish authorities for holding unconventional beliefs. Yet this interrogation ends with a startling turnaround. The topic, once again in the Gospels, is the importance of love as the greatest commandment and greatest gift in life. This is not new from the mouth of Jesus: but it is completely novel and, indeed, brave coming from the mouth of a Jewish scribe. The scribe's complete change of heart, places him in a long line of listeners who are radically transformed by Jesus's message, and who often express the truth of his coming in the most succinct terms. The scribe's synthesis of the message of love constitutes the Shema, the profession of faith which is kept by the doors of all Jews. He can uncover the true meaning of divine love and salvation, cutting through layers of rules and regulations. The scribe's addition that love is far more important than holocaust is a direct repudiation of the most holy sacrificial practices of Temple Judaism. Jesus came as the new Temple, superseding the building in Jerusalem, and embodying faith himself.

This scribe is a powerful witness and would have rendered himself disgraced among his fellow Jews by this statement. He models the clarity, faith, and truth that real conversion brings. This week may we be inspired to show similar clarity of thought, sincerity of heart, and courage to stand by our beliefs in challenging times.

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Jesus' Story

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Our hearts and our heads are blessed with perfume oil when we celebrate Baptism. Jesus tells us that our hearts that love, are more important than our minds that think. We can know all the rules in a good manners book, but it is our heart that makes us help others, be polite, respect people and nature, smile, be kind, put others first, say 'sorry and thank you.' The Spirit warms the heart, and enlightens the mind.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation!**

GREETING

In the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
The Lord be with you..
And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL RITE

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

Almighty and merciful God,
by whose gift your faithful offer you
right and praiseworthy service,
grant, we pray,
that we may hasten without stumbling
to receive the things you have promised.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....



LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 6: 2 - 6

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.
Moses said to the people: 'If you fear
the Lord your God all the days of your
life and if you keep all his laws and
commandments which I lay on you, you
will have a long life, you and your son
and your grandson. Listen then, Israel,
keep and observe what will make you
prosper and give you great increase,
as the Lord God of your fathers has
promised you, giving you a land where
milk and honey

flow.
'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the
one Lord. You shall love the Lord your
God with all your heart, with all your
soul, with all your strength. Let these
words I urge on you today be written on
your heart.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 17:2-4, 47, 51

- R. I love you, Lord, my strength.**
- I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my
stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. [R]
 - Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. [R]

SECOND READING Hebrews 7:23-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.
There used to be a great number of
priests under the former covenant,
because death put an end to each one
of them; but this one, Christ, because
he remains for ever, can never lose
his priesthood. It follows, then, that his
power to save is utterly certain, since
he is living for ever to intercede for
all who come to God through him.
To suit us, the ideal high priest would
have to be holy, innocent and un-
contaminated, beyond the influence of
sinners, and raised up above the
heavens; one who would not need to
offer sacrifices every day, as the other
high priests do for their own sins and
then for those of the people, because
he has done this once and for all by
offering himself. The Law appoints
high priests who are men subject to
weakness; but the promise on oath,
which came after the Law, appointed
the Son who is made perfect for ever.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
**Your words are spirit, Lord, and they
are life: you have the message of
eternal life.**
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 12:28-34

**A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Mark**
One of the scribes came up to Jesus
and put a question to him, 'Which is
the first of all the commandments?'
Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen,
Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord,
and you must love the Lord your God
with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind and with all your
strength. The second is this: You must
love your neighbour as yourself. There
is no commandment greater than these.'
The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken,
Master; what you have said is true:
that he is one and there is no other.
To love him with

all your heart, with all your understanding
and strength and to love your neighbour
as yourself, this is far more important
than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus,
seeing how wisely he had spoken, said,
'You are not far from the kingdom of
God.' And after that no one dared to
question him any more.

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
who proceeded from the Father and
the Son, who with the Father and the
Son is adored and glorified, who has
spoken through the prophets.
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.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May these sacrificial offerings, O Lord,
become for you a pure oblation,
and for us a holy outpouring of your
mercy. Through Christ our Lord.