

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.

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

Communion Antiphon: **I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep and mine know me.**

REFLECTION: The rewards of the just. God's inspiration is at work in everyone. However, there are people in whom divine inspiration seems to have no effect: people who commit crimes cold-bloodedly, and who never rejoice at the true and the beautiful. Even though they may seem to prosper, their punishment is assured even in this world. The anxieties and fears that assail them make their prosperity a bitterness to them. As for the just, even though their passage through life is often dogged by misfortune, the inward satisfaction of obeying divine inspiration gives them great strength, and sufficient reward for them.

Prayer after Communion: Lord, help us with your kindness. Make us strong through the Eucharist. Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with this Sacrament, that we may come to possess your redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our life. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Final Blessing: The Lord be with you: **And with your spirit.**
May Almighty God bless you: **Amen.**
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**
Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

Loving God
open our eyes to see you
open our minds to trust you
open our hearts to love you
this day and for evermore.

There are some old people
whose lives are like autumn:
mellow, quiet and wise.
Help us, Lord, to learn from them
and to listen to them patiently.

Prayer: My God, I come to you in humble acknowledgment that I have not always sought to serve others. I have also failed to accept the willing service offered to me. Instead, I seek to control situations and people. I look for that which "serves" me best, provides me with feelings of worth and power while denying others that same privilege. My pride is my downfall. For this I am sorry. I beg forgiveness of you, my caring God, and of my brothers and sisters whom I have failed to serve as well as denied their gift of serving me. Amen.

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Antiphon: **I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.**

As Christians we are called to live in peace and harmony with one another. One of the things that is very damaging to unity is false ambition. This causes us to put ourselves and our interests first.

Let us ask the Lord to pardon our sins and to help us live by his values.

'Blessed are those who serve; they will be great in heaven.'

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

'Blessed are the gentle; they will inherit the earth.'

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

'Blessed the peace-makers; they will be called children of God.'

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

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.

Let us pray:

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

Wisdom 2:12.17-20

The godless say to themselves: 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.

Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after - we have his word for it.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 53

Response: The Lord upholds my life.

O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.

O God, hear my prayer;

listen to the words of my mouth.

Response

For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.

They have no regard for God.

Response

But I have God for my help.

The Lord upholds my life.

I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good.

Response

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St James.

James 3:16-4:3

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done, whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Alleluia, alleluia!****Through the Good News****God called us to share****the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.****Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

Mark 9:30-37

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glorify to you, Lord.

After leaving the mountain, Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them: 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them: 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because

they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said: 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them: 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.*The Apostles' Creed*

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

Offertory:

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

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 Offering

Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray, the offerings of your people, that what they profess with devotion and faith may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Preface:

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Christ our Lord.

For by his birth he brought renewal to humanity's fallen state
and by his suffering cancelled out our sins;

by his rising from the dead

he has opened the way to eternal life,

and by ascending to you, O Father,

he has unlocked the gates of heaven.

And so, with the company of Angels and Saints,

we sing the hymn of your praise, as without end we acclaim:

And with your spirit.**We lift them up to the Lord.****It is right and just.**