

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: The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.**

REFLECTION:

To all children

I tell you little children, not to hurry across the years: all that age has for you is worry, and tears; a mountain hard to climb where many fall. And why should you not wander, pure and free? Romance around our early morning lingers, but not for long, and beauty moves no more her magic fingers o'er cords of song. Sweetness will pine amid the sunless glades, and innocence be gathered to the shades. I tell you, little children, not to squander sunny hours. Too soon will come the storms of life, the thunder and leaden showers: children, you are growing up too soon. You will weep the morning when it's noon.

Prayer after Communion:

Grant us, almighty God, that we may be refreshed and nourished by the Sacrament which we have received, so as to be transformed into what we consume. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Final Blessing:

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

May Almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

Thanks be to God.

If being involved in other's failures through love and caring brings us personal suffering, so be it. We follow a crucified God, who truly suffered for love rather than retreat to the power of unmoved self-sufficiency and detachment.

God has joined us, each to each,
In a union that cannot be breached.
Within this partnership, tried and true,
I find who I am in companionship with you.
I learn to respect, honour, and revere
All that you are, whether hidden or clear.
I come to find a treasure trove
of goodness and light
Where once had been but shadowy night.
And so, I pray, with God at our side,
Nevermore from each other shall we hide;
But, always be open and honest and true
Children of God, that's me and you! Amen.

'Of what use is a compassion that doesn't take its object into its arms?'
Antoine de Saint Exupery

'What is sin? It is to turn a deaf ear to the cries of another person.'
Kahlil Gibran

'The person who does a good deed is instantly ennobled.'
Ralph W Emerson

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Entrance Antiphon: Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all. Esther 4:17

It is not easy to be a Christian in today's world. And it's almost impossible on one's own. But we are not alone. Christ has called us into a community. But sometimes we don't always speak and act in a way that builds up community. Let us ask God's forgiveness for this.

Lord, you are the vine, we are the branches. Lord, have mercy.

You unite us with you, so we may bear fruit. Christ have mercy.

You unite us together as your brothers and sisters. 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:

Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. 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 Genesis

Genesis 2:18-24

The Lord God said: 'It is not good that man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed: 'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.' This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 127

Response: May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands you shall eat.

You will be happy and prosper. **Response**

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. **Response**

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.

May the Lord bless you from Zion

in a happy Jerusalem

all the days of your life!

May you see your children's children.

On Israel, peace! **Response**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Hebrews 2:9-12

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind. As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Alleluia, alleluia! As long as we love one another
God will live in us
and his love will be complete in us. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Mark 10:2-12

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord.

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked: 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them: 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said, 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them: 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.'

Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them: 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

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:

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the sacrifices instituted by your commands and, through the sacred mysteries, which we celebrate with dutiful service, graciously complete the sanctifying work by which you are pleased to redeem us. 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.

For you so loved the world

that in your mercy you sent us the Redeemer,

to live like us in all things but sin,

so that you might love in us what you loved in your Son,

by whose obedience we have been restored

to those gifts of yours that, by sinning,

we had lost in disobedience.

And so, Lord, with all the Angels and Saints,

we too, give you thanks, as in exultation we acclaim:

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.