

Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
 through Christ our Lord.
 For through his Paschal Mystery,
 he accomplished the marvellous deed,
 by which he has freed us from the yoke of sin and death,
 summoning us to the glory of being now called
 a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
 a people for your own possession,
 to proclaim everywhere your mighty works,
 for you have called us out of darkness
 into your own wonderful light.
 And so, with the Angels and Archangels,
 with Thrones and Dominions,
 and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven,
 we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end 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.

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: **We will ring out our joy at your saving help
 and exult in the name of our God.**

Prayer after Communion:

May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray, perfect in us what lies within them,
 that what we now celebrate in signs we may one day possess in truth.
 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.

Thirtieth Sunday of the Year B



Entrance Antiphon:

**Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
 turn to the Lord and his strength;
 constantly seek his face. Psalm 104:3-4**

In today's Gospel we meet a blind man by the name of Bartimaeus. When he met Jesus his prayer was: 'Lord, that I may see.' It is a prayer which we can make our own because in many ways we too are blind. Jesus wants to open our eyes too.

Lord Jesus, you opened the eyes of the blind. Lord, have mercy.

You free us from the darkness of sin. Christ, have mercy.

You help us to walk in the light of goodness. 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, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. 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 prophet Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 31:7-9

The Lord says this: Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations! Proclaim! Praise! Shout: 'The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel!' See, I will bring them back from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here. They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 125

**Response: What marvels the Lord worked for us!
 Indeed we were glad.**

REFLECTION

The gift of sight

Helen Keller, who went blind and deaf at nineteen months, said:

'One day I asked a friend who had just returned from a long walk in the woods what she had seen. She replied: "Nothing in particular."

'How was this possible?' I asked myself, 'when I, who cannot hear or see, find hundreds of things to interest me through mere touch. I feel the delicate shape and design of a leaf. I pass my hands lovingly over the rough bark of a pine tree. Occasionally, I place my hand quietly on a small tree, and if I'm lucky, feel the happy quiver of a bird in full song. The greatest calamity that can befall people, is not that they should be born blind, but that they should have eyes, yet fail to see.'

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs.

**What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.**

The heathens themselves said:
'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.

**What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap.

**What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves.

**What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Hebrews 5:1-6

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Christ Jesus abolished death,
and he has proclaimed life through the Good News. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Mark 10:46-52

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glorify to you, Lord.

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to

say: 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder: 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said: 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said, 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke: 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him, 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him: 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us make our profession of faith:

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, 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.

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:

Look, we pray, O Lord, on the offerings we make to your majesty, that whatever is done by us in your service may be directed above all to your glory. 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,

And with your spirit.

We lift them up to the Lord.

It is right and just.