



Hosanna



SUNDAY LITURGY

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Year B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 130 (129): 3-4

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand? But with you
is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

COLLECT

May your grace, O Lord, we pray, at all
times go before us and follow after and
make us always determined to carry out
good works. 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.

FIRST READING

*What is most important to you in life?
Wealth? Honour? Name? Health?
Beauty? The Book of Wisdom says that
all these will pass away. We cannot take
anything of these with us when we die.
If we have striven for only these goods
we will be empty handed when we meet
God. After much prayer and reflection
he says that wisdom is the greatest trea-
sure we must seek. After realizing this
he concludes 'In comparison to Wis-
dom I held riches as nothing. Jesus is
the Wisdom of the Father.*

A Reading from the book of Wisdom 7:7-11

I prayed, and prudence was given me;
I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom
came to me. I preferred her to scepter
and throne, and deemed riches nothing
in comparison with her, nor did I lik-
en any priceless gem to her; because
all gold, in view of her, is a little sand,
and before her, silver is to be accounted
mire. Beyond health and comeliness I
loved her, and I chose to have her rather
than the light, because the splendor of
her never yields to sleep. Yet all good
things together came to me in her com-
pany, and countless riches at her hands.

Responsorial Psalm 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17

**R. (14) Fill us with your love, O Lord,
and we will sing for joy!**

Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain wisdom of heart. Re-
turn, O LORD! How long? Have pity
on your servants!

**R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and
we will sing for joy!**

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,
that we may shout for joy and gladness
all our days. Make us glad, for the days
when you afflicted us, for the years

when we saw evil.

R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Let your work be seen by your servants and your glory by their children; and may the gracious care of the LORD our God be ours; prosper the work of our hands for us! Prosper the work of our hands!

R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

SECOND READING

The mightiest weapon we have is the Word of God. The author of the letter to the Hebrews says The word of God is alive and active. It is sharp. It can discover and judge thoughts and intentions of the heart. Jesus is the Word of God. He can change your life. He is alive and active in the world. We should accept him.

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews 4:12-13

Brothers and sisters:

Indeed the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart. No creature is concealed from him, but everything is naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must render an account.

ALLELUIA Mt. 5:3

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

Everyone wants to go to heaven. A young wealthy man asks Jesus what he should do to go to heaven. The answer of Jesus shocks him and the disciples beyond their wits. Jesus says he has to become his disciple and he cannot be attached to worldly riches

A Reading from the Gospel of St. Mark 10:17-30

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up, knelt down before him, and asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus answered him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud; honor your father and your mother." He replied and said to him, "Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." At that statement his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" The disciples were amazed at his words. So Jesus again said to them in reply, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?"

Jesus looked at them and said, “For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God.” Peter began to say to him, “We have given up everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Amen, I say to you, there is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not receive a hundred times more now in this present age: houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and eternal life in the age to come.”

HOMILY NICENE CREED PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Let us place all prayers and petitions in the hands of our loving God and ask his mercy to grant all that we need.

1. Let us pray for our Pope, Bishops, Priests and religious that they may show by example what it is to live according to the commandments of God so that they may guide the people of God in the way that Jesus wants them to walk. Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

2. Jesus loved everyone unconditionally. Therefore let us pray for our country and those who govern us that they may respect the sentiments of each religion and create an atmosphere of freedom where everyone can practise their own faith without any fear. Let us pray to the Lord.

3. The greatest commandment that Jesus gave us is to Love God and Love our neighbour. We pray that all Christians love God with all their strength and express this love of God to those in need by their generous attitude of sharing and caring. Let us pray to the Lord.

4. As the young man went in search of eternal life in the Gospel, let us pray that the youth in our parishes may always strive to gain eternal life by their constant closeness to Jesus and walking in His path of Love. Let us pray to the Lord.

5. God has commanded us not to kill, not to steal and listening to the commandments of God may we learn to respect every life on earth as God’s gift to us and treat everybody as our own brothers and sisters so that we may participate in the God’s mission of justice, peace, love and integrity of creation. Let us pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: God our loving Father, fountain of all goodness, We humbly present all our needs and ask you to grant all that we require. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that, through these acts of devotedness, we may pass over to the glory of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing. *Cf. Ps 34 (33): 11*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord, that, as you feed us with the nourishment which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, so you may make us sharers of his divine nature. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

REFLECTION

All of us want to know the answer to the million dollar question. What should I do to attain eternal life? The answer of Jesus is both easy and difficult. It is easy because ordinary simple fishermen and unwanted tax collectors could do what Jesus demanded. It's difficult because even a good young man who followed the commandments of God given through Moses could not do it. What did Jesus answer? Simple. Accept me as your Lord and Saviour and count me as the greatest treasure you possess. This is what the first reading says. Wisdom is the greatest treasure. Jesus is the Wisdom of the Father. Accept the Word of God. The word of God is Jesus. If you have accepted Jesus as Zacheus did, (he gave half of his riches to the poor and promised a fourfold

restitution to all he had cheated and accepted Jesus into his house) you will enter the Kingdom of God.

Today we ask ourselves the question: Have I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Saviour? Am I craving for riches that I do not even have time to fulfill my Christian duties? Is Jesus first and last in my life. Mary accepted Jesus as her son and Saviour. Her whole life was centered about how to please Jesus, how to server him better, how to make him happy, how to be beside him when he needed her most. She treasured the words spoken to her by the angel at the annunciation the words of the shepherds when they came to see Jesus, and the words of Jesus when he was 12 years old and lost and found in the temple. The Word of God was her food and because she accepted Jesus so wholeheartedly she is the Seat of Wisdom. How well have I accepted Jesus? Am I too attached to worldly riches and fame. Make your decision today for this will seal your eternal salvation or damnation.

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