



# Hosanna



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## INTRODUCTION

“Do Not Worry,” is God’s perfect concern for his best creation that is human being. We call God as our Abba Father. We are God’s loving children. He knows all our desires. The call of the Church is to rise above all our worries and be perfectly united with Him who can know and satisfy all our desires and needs.

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom, he saved me because he delighted in me. (Ps 17:19-20)*

## COLLECT

Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that the course of our world may be directed by your peaceful rule and that your Church may rejoice, untroubled in her devotion. 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

*God says that He will not forget us. Isaiah says, “can a woman forget her nursing child, even if she, I will*

*not.” Let us listen to the motherly love of God for us.*

## A reading from the Book of Isaiah 49:14-15

Zion said, “The Lord has forsaken me, my Lord has forgotten me.” “Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you.”

## Responsorial Psalm (61)

**Response: In God alone is my soul at rest.**

In God alone is my soul at rest; my help comes from Him. He alone is my rock, my stronghold, my fortress: I stand firm.

**R/ In God alone is my soul at rest.**

In God alone be at rest, my soul; for my hope comes from Him. He alone is my rock, my stronghold, my fortress: I stand firm.

**R/ In God alone is my soul at rest.**

In God is my safety and glory, the rock of my strength. Take refuge in God all you people. Trust him at all times. Pour out your hearts before him.

**R/ In God alone is my soul at rest.**

## SECOND READING

*Do not be judgmental is the instruction that St. Paul teaches us today. We are called to build up the community by love. We break the community by being judgmental.*

### A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 4:1-5

This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. I do not even judge myself. I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. Therefore do not pronounce judgement before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then every man will receive his commendation from God.

## ALLELUIA

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Your Word is truth, O Lord, Consecrate us in the truth.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## GOSPEL READING

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew 6:24-34**

Jesus said to his disciples, "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

"Therefore, I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore, do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well.

"Therefore, do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Let the day's own trouble be sufficient for the day."

## HOMILY

### NICENE CREED

### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

**Celebrant:** Dear Friends let us claim the promise of God. He promises us today that he will never forsake us. He is our Father. Therefore let us pour forth before him all our desire and needs of our community.

**Response: Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. Let us pray for our Pope Francis, Archbishop Bernard Moras and all the ministers of the Church that having moved by the spirit of God, may they lead the community of faithful in the way that the Lord wants. Let us pray.

2. Let us pray for those who are sick, lonely and discouraged that they may draw strength from God and to love their friends. Let us pray.

3. Let us pray for Christian community that its members may truly love and support one another as Christ wished and prayed. Let us pray.

4. Let us pray for the world in which we live that in spite of all the obstacles and difficulties, the human family may grow in understanding and cooperation. Let us pray.

**Celebrant:** Lord, in your never failing love and mercy hear the prayers of this community gathered as one family. By being united, we may build your kingdom here on earth. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

O God, who provide gifts to be offered to your name and count our oblations as signs of our desire to serve you with devotion, we ask of your mercy that what you grant as the source of merit may also help us to attain merit's reward. Through Christ our Lord.

### **PREFACE VIII (Ordinary)**

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, when your children were scattered afar by sin, through the Blood of your Son and the power of the Spirit, you gathered them again to yourself, that a people, formed as one by the unity of the Trinity, made the body of Christ and the temple of the Holy Spirit, might, to the praise of your manifold wisdom, be manifest as the Church.

And so, in company with the choirs of Angels, we praise you, and with joy we proclaim:

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

*I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High. (Ps 12:6)*

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Nourished by your saving gifts, we beseech your mercy, Lord, that by this same Sacrament with which you feed us in the present age, you may make us partakers of life eternal. Through Christ our Lord.

### **REFLECTION**

#### **Liturgy and life**

The basic needs of human are what to eat, what to clothe and where to stay? Basic needs of human are always a preoccupation for man. The anxiety and fear for future haunts man's heart. In the world, there are a large number of families struggle to have the basic needs while a few families enjoy the abundance and excess. Man suffers poverty, selfishness, hatred, crime, bribe, cheating, murder, theft and greed. In this struggle, most of them suffer

and a few of them take the advantage of the situation, persons, places and opportunities. However, there is always an anxiety and worry in human.

The anxiety and worry may not be only for the basic need, it can be for various things in the life of human.

Jesus speaks about the preoccupation for the material things. The need of man is never ending. Man, in most cases, never get satisfied by the things he possesses. He always wants more and more. It is like the cyclist wants to possess two wheeler, the man on two wheeler wants to possess a car, a man in the car wants to possess higher vehicle, private flight, many cars and so on. Until he dies, he wants more and never satisfies with what he possesses.

In this struggle to possess things, man becomes anxious, disturbed and sleepless. The thirst and greed for the things of this world makes man to suffer sleeplessness, headaches, ulcers, blood pressures and heart attacks. The anxiety for material things provokes man to concentrate on the perishable things always. He has no time for God and spirit. Slowly, when he owns everything he may feel there is no place for God. The too much affair for the world may reduce interest in the affair of the things of heaven. Therefore, Jesus

invites his disciples not to worry and anxious about the things of this world.

Man faces confusion in setting the priorities in life. When man concerns the eternal things, he gives primary place to the heavenly things. When man concerns the things of the world, he gives importance to the perishable things. Seeking the kingdom of God and righteousness should be the first priority of man. The gospel of Mathew says, "what good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet he forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?"

Disciple of Jesus should not worry about the necessities of life because he is better than the birds in the sky. God created man better than any animal or bird on earth. he is noble and precious in the presence of God. He is called to relate with God and in His presence always. God is the father of every human. As the heir of God, he possesses all things belonging to God.

Worry is pointless. It is also senseless because worry cannot add a second to the life span or an inch to the height.

At the same time, Christ does not completely disapprove man's care for tomorrow. He only comments on the obsession for the goods to be controlled and seek God and righteousness.

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