

**Thirty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
**October 31, 2021**

***Entrance Hymn: Litany of the Saints (G570)***

(Repeat each invocation immediately after the Cantor)

....Lord have mercy.....Christ have mercy....Lord have mercy.

(Saint invocation) Pray for us.....Pray for us.....Pray for us...

....Pray for us....Pray for us. All you holy men and women, pray for us.

**Greeting**

In the name of the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

**And with your spirit.**

Let us come to God, mindful of our sins:

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and what I have failed to do,  
through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints,  
and you my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

***God have Mercy***

You come to heal the contrite. God, have mercy. **God, have mercy.**

You come to call sinners. Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You plead for us at the right hand of the Father. God, have mercy. **God, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

**Amen**

***Gloria (Mass of Christ the Savior)***

**Refrain**

Glory to God, glory to God, Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth, peace 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 One, O God, almighty Father. **Refrain**

Lord, Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.  
You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
You take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer,  
you are seated at the right hand, the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. **Refrain**

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. **Refrain**

### ***Collect***

Let us pray:

Almighty and merciful God, by whose gift your faithful offer you right and praiseworthy service,  
grant, we pray, that we may hasten without stumbling to receive the things you have promised.  
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.**

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

***First Reading***          Deuteronomy 6:2-6

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

Moses spoke to the people, saying:

"Fear the Most High, your God, and keep, throughout the days of your lives, all the statutes and  
commandments which I enjoin on you, and thus have long life.

Hear then, Israel, and be careful to observe them, that you may grow and prosper the more, in  
keeping with the promise of the Most High, the God of your ancestors, to give you a land  
flowing with milk and honey.

"Hear, O Israel! The Most High is our God, this God alone!

Therefore, you shall love your God,  
with all your heart,  
and with all your soul,  
and with all your strength.

Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today."

The Word of God  
**Thanks be to God**

***Responsorial Psalm***

**Refrain**

Forever will I sing the goodness of the Lord  
Forever will I sing, sing His praises  
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Forever will I sing, sing His praises

I have found my servant David  
With my holy oil anointed  
My hand shall be with him always  
My arm make him strong **Refrain**

My kindness shall always be with him  
Through My name, he shall be exalted  
He shall always call me his Father  
For I am his Savior **Refrain**

***Second Reading*** Hebrews 7:23-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Sisters and brothers:

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The levitical priests were many because they were prevented by death from remaining in office, but Jesus, because he remains forever, has a priesthood that does not pass away.

Therefore, he is always able to save those who approach God through him, since he lives forever to make intercession for them.

It was fitting that we should have such a high priest: holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, higher than the heavens.

Jesus has no need, as did the high priests, to offer sacrifice day after day, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; Jesus did that once for all when he offered himself.

For the law appoints men subject to weakness to be high priests, but the word of the oath, which was taken after the law, appoints one, who has been made perfect forever.

The Word of our God.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Alleluia (Celtic)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,  
**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,**

Be the hands of God. Share your heart with the weary;  
Be the fruit of love and good works - be a blessing!

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

**Gospel Mark 12:28b-34**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your Spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him,  
"Which is the first of all the commandments?"

Jesus replied, "The first is this:

*Hear, O Israel!*

*The Almighty our God is God alone!*

*You shall love your God with all your heart,*

*with all your soul,*

*with all your mind,*

*and with all your strength.*

The second is this:

*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*

There is no other commandment greater than these."

The scribe said to him,

"Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'God is One and there is no other.'

And 'to love God with all your heart,

with all your understanding,

with all your strength,

and to love your neighbor as yourself  
is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

And when Jesus saw that the scribe answered with understanding, he said to him,  
"You are not far from the kingdom of God."

And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

The Good News of Salvation  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Homily (take a moment to reflect on the readings - what word or phrase stood out to you?)*

*All Saints Memorial*  
*"We Remember Them"*

*Memorial Song*     **Saints and Beloved of God (BB 707)**

**Refrain**

In every place and time the blessed walk among us.  
There's a mighty throng that stands at our side, the saints and beloved of God.

We are joined by a great communion here on earth and in heaven above,  
For this feast prepared by Christ the Lord, companions in his love . **Refrain**

We are stirred by their faithful witness to the God who takes flesh and bone,  
To the Christ who lives in hands and hearts, in faces not his own. **Refrain**

***Universal Intercessions***

Response: Healing God, hear our prayer.  
(Healing God, hear our prayer.)

For leaders of churches and other faith traditions, and for leaders of governments and local communities: may God's Holy Spirit inspire them and us as we seek paths to peace, cooperation and healing, let us pray...

For victims of hatred and violence, may their memories be a blessing, and may they know the joy of God's loving welcome and eternal peace, let us pray...

For the families and friends mourning the deaths of loved ones may God bring them healing and comfort, let us pray...

For the poor, the sick, and the homebound: that we may generously assist them and offer encouragement and support to them, let us pray...

For all who have died, particularly our family and friends who have died during this past year: that they may live in the light and peace of God's presence forever, let us pray...

For whom else do we want to pray...

## **The Liturgy of the Eucharist**

### ***Preparation of the Gifts* Saints and Beloved of God (BB 707)**

#### **Refrain**

In every place and time the blessed walk among us.  
There's a mighty throng that stands at our side, the saints and beloved of God.

For the saints of the past and present, for the saints of our family and friends,  
They have found their home in Christ the Lord, whose kingdom never ends. **Refrain**

They will greet us with great rejoicing at the dawn of eternal day,  
When we're home at last by heaven's hearth where pilgrims come to stay. **Refrain**

To our God be the power and glory! To the Christ be all thanks and praise!  
To the God who is and to the Lamb, our voices let us raise! **Refrain**

#### ***Offertory Prayers***

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.  
**Blessed be God forever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.  
**Blessed be God forever.**

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.**

May these sacrificial offerings, O Lord, become for you a pure oblation and for us a holy outpouring of your mercy. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*The Eucharistic Prayer* (if you are watching the video or listening to the audio, please follow along and participate with Fr. Jack; and continue with the Communion Reflection Song below. If you are using this at home with your family, continue with the Spiritual Eucharist below)

**Service Music: Mass of Christ the Savior**

**Spiritual Communion**

*Invite the Family to **stand** for the Our Father. Although without a Priest, we cannot offer the Mystery of Jesus' Sacrifice on the Cross, we can join with the Church throughout the world in offering a Spiritual Communion until such time as we can again participate in the great Sacrifice of the Mass.*

**Our Father**

*Leader:* At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

*Family:* Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

*Leader:* Deliver us Lord we pray from every evil, and grant us peace in our days that by the help of your mercy we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

*Family:* For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

*Leader:* Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign forever and ever.

*Family:* Amen.

*Leader:* May the peace of the Lord be with us always.

*Invite the family to **kneel** if practical. The following formula of prayers can be prayed together as a family, inviting Jesus spiritually into our hearts.*

*Leader:* Together with the whole Church throughout the world, let us profess an Act of Faith in Jesus' real presence in the Eucharist.

*All:* O my God, I firmly believe that you are one God in three divine Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

I believe that your divine Son became man and died for our sins and that he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches because you have revealed them who are eternal truth and wisdom, who can neither deceive nor be deceived.

In this faith I intend to live and die.

Amen.

*Leader:* Through His sacrifice on the cross, Jesus made the ultimate act of love by offering himself as expiation for our sins. Let us now make our own act of love as we pray:

*All:* O Lord God, I love you above all things and I love my neighbor for your sake because you are the highest, infinite and perfect good, worthy of all my love. In this love I intend to live and die. Amen.

*Leader:* With a humble and contrite heart, we ask the Lord to come to us just as He would if we were able to receive the sacrament.

*All:* My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

***Communion Song: Peace Prayer (H/O)***

Lord make me a means of Your Peace  
Where there's hatred grown, let me sow Your love  
Where there's injury Lord, let forgiveness be my sword  
Lord make me a means of Your Peace

Lord make me a means of Your Peace  
When there's sadness here, let me sow Your joy  
When the darkness nears, may Your light dispel our fears  
Lord make me a means of Your Peace

Lord grant me to seek and to share  
Less to be consoled than to help console  
Less be understood than to understand Your good  
Lord make me a means of Your Peace

Lord grant me to seek and to share  
To forgive in thee, you've forgiven me  
For to die in thee is eternal life to me  
Lord make me a means of Your Peace

***Communion Meditation 10,000 Reasons (BB 560)***

**Refrain**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship God's holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,  
It's time to sing our song again.

Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing when the evening comes. **Refrain**

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger  
Your name is great and your heart is kind  
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing  
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. **Refrain**

And on that day, when my strength is failing,  
The end draws near, and my time has come;  
still my soul will sing your praise unending  
ten thousand years, and then forevermore. **Refrain**

**Prayer after Communion:**

Let us pray:

May the working of your power, O Lord, increase in us, we pray, so that, renewed by these heavenly Sacraments, we may be prepared by your gift for receiving what they promise.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Concluding Rite**

*Final Blessing*

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Creator, and the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit come down on you and remain with you forever.

**Amen**

Go in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

***Song of Sending: God Has Chosen Me (BB 384)***

God has chosen me, God has chosen me to bring good news to the poor.  
God has chosen me, God has chosen me to bring new sight to those searching for light;  
God has chosen me, chosen me.

**Refrain**

And to tell the world that God's reign is near,  
To remove oppression and break down fear,  
Yes, God's time is near, God's time is near,  
God's time is near, God's time is near,

God has chosen me, God has chosen me to set alight a new fire.  
God has chosen me, God has chosen me to bring to birth a new reign on earth  
God has chosen me, chosen me **Refrain**