

Thirty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time
October 31, 2021

Entrance Hymn: Send Down the Fire (G327)

Refrain

Send down the fire of your justice, send down the rains of your love;
Come send down the Spirit, breathe life in your people,
And we shall be people of God.

Call us to be your compassion, Teach us the song of your love;
Give us hearts that sing, give us deeds that ring,
Make us ring with the song of your love. **Refrain**

Call us to learn of your mercy, Teach us the way of your peace;
Give us hearts that feel, give us hands that heal,
Make us walk in the way of your peace. **Refrain**

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, graciously keep from us all adversity, so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours. 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 1 Kings 17:10-16

A reading from the first Book of Kings

In those days, Elijah the prophet went to Zarephath. As he arrived at the entrance of the city, a widow was gathering sticks there; he called out to her,

"Please bring me a small cupful of water to drink."

She left to get it, and he called out after her,

"Please bring along a bit of bread."

She answered,

"As the Most High, your God, lives, I have nothing baked; there is only a handful of flour in my jar and a little oil in my jug. Just now I was collecting a couple of sticks, to go in and prepare something for myself and my son; when we have eaten it, we shall die."

Elijah said to her,

"Do not be afraid. Go and do as you propose. But first make me a little cake and bring it to me. Then you can prepare something for yourself and your son. For the Most High, the God of Israel, says, 'The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, until the day when the Most High God sends rain upon the earth.'"

She left and did as Elijah had said. She was able to eat for a year, and he and her son as well; the jar of flour did not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, as the God of Israel had foretold through Elijah.

The Word of God
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Refrain

The Lord hears the cry of the poor. Blessed be the Lord.

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I will bless the Lord at all times, with praise ever in my mouth.

Let my soul glory in the Lord, who will hear the cry of the poor. **Refrain**

Let the lowly hear and be glad; the Lord listens to their pleas;
and to hearts broken God is near, who will hear the cry of the poor. **Refrain**

We proclaim your greatness, O God, your praise ever in our mouth;
every face brightened in your light, for you hear the cry of the poor. **Refrain**

Second Reading Hebrews 9:24-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Christ did not enter into a sanctuary made by hands,
a copy of the true one, but heaven itself,
that he might now appear before God on our behalf.

Not that Christ might offer himself repeatedly,
as the high priest enters each year into the sanctuary
with blood that is not his own;
if that were so, he would have had to suffer repeatedly
from the foundation of the world.

But now once for all he has appeared at the end of the ages
to take away sin by his sacrifice.

Just as it is appointed that human beings die once,
and after this the judgment, so also Christ,
offered once to take away the sins of many,
will appear a second time, not to take away sin
but to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him.

The Word of our God.
Thanks be to God.

Alleluia (Celtic)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,

Blest are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven;
Secure justice for all; and welcome the stranger.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel **Mark 12:38-44**

The Lord be with you.
And with your Spirit.
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
Glory to you, O Lord.

In the course of his teaching Jesus said to the crowds,

"Beware of the scribes, who like to go around in long robes
and accept greetings in the marketplaces,
seats of honor in synagogues,
and places of honor at banquets.

They devour the houses of widows and, as a pretext recite lengthy prayers. They will receive a
very severe condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums.

A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents.

Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them,

"Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."

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?)

Universal Intercessions

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

For the dignity of all persons, that they may be treated with the respect they deserve, let us pray...

For Racial Justice, that fair employment, housing, and sustenance be available for all people of color, let us pray...

For refugees, outcasts, and the forgotten of society: that hearts may be opened to their struggles and our communities motivated to work to ease their suffering, let us pray...

For all people and all creation that have suffered abuse, that we may find ways of caring and healing them, let us pray...

For an end to violence, judgement, and hate, that the world can realize that everyone is a part of God's creation and worthy of love, let us pray...

For whom else shall we pray...

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts In Perfect Charity (H/O)

O most high and glorious God, cast your light into the darkness of my heart,

Give me right faith, and certain hope, and perfect charity.
Give me true insight, Lord, and wisdom,
that I may always live within your ever holy will.
Lord, may your light within me burn, shining out in perfect charity.

O most high and glorious God, open wide the door that leads me to your love.
Give me your firm, yet gentle strength, may I live that perfect charity.
Lord may your peace be ever in me,
that I may always seek to serve your children here on earth;
That I may find my home with you, and live in perfect charity.

Then most high and thankful praise I will sing unto the glory of your name:
To Father, Son, and Spirit bright, Living Presence, Perfect Charity.
Praise to the Love that shines in splendor,
that lights the pathways of my heart, and brings me close to you.
O Holy One, invite me in, where you live in perfect charity.

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.

Look with favor we pray, O Lord, upon the sacrificial gifts offered here, that, celebrating in mystery the Passion of your Son, we may honor it with loving devotion. 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: Let Us Be Bread (G 585)

Refrain

Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, broken and shared, life for the world.
Let us be wine, love freely poured. Let us be one in the Lord.

I am the bread of life, broken for all. Eat now and hunger no more. **Refrain**

You are my friends if you keep my commands, no longer servants but friends. **Refrain**

See how my people have nothing to eat. Give them the bread that is you. **Refrain**

As God has loved me so I have loved you. Go and live on in my love. **Refrain**

Communion Meditation Lord, I Need You (H/O)

Lord I come, I confess; bowing here I find my rest.
Without you I fall apart; You're the one that guides my heart.

Refrain

Lord, I need you, oh, I need you; every hour I need you.
My one defense, my righteousness; oh God, how I need you.

Where sin runs deep, your grace is more; where grace is found is where you are;
Where you are, Lord, I am free; holiness is Christ in me. **Refrain**

So teach my song to rise to you, when temptation comes my way.
When I cannot stand, I'll fall on you; Jesus you're my hope and stay. **Refrain**

Prayer after Communion:

Let us pray:

Nourished by this sacred gift, O Lord, we give you thanks and beseech your mercy, that, by the pouring forth of your Spirit, the grace of integrity may endure in those your heavenly power has entered. 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: Lead Me, Lord (BB 728)

Blessed are the poor in spirit longing for their Lord,
for God's coming kingdom shall be theirs.
Blessed are the sorrowing, for they shall be consoled,
and the meek shall come to rule the world.

Refrain

Lead me Lord, lead me, Lord, by the light of truth
to seek and to find the narrow way.
Be my way; be my truth; be my life, my Lord,
and lead me, Lord, today.

Blessed are the merciful, for mercy shall be theirs,
And the pure in heart shall see their god.
Blest are they whose hunger only holiness can fill,
for I say they shall be satisfied. **Refrain**