TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE

_Iustus es, Domine_ (Psalm 119: 137,124)


℟ You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your loving mercy. ℣ Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

When the Entrance Chant is concluded, the priest and the faithful sign themselves with the Sign of the Cross, while the priest, facing the people, says:

ℱ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

℟ Amen.

Then the priest, extending his hands, greets the people, saying:

ℱ The Lord be with you.

℟ And with your spirit.

Then follows the Penitential Act, to which the priest invites the faithful, saying:

Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

After a brief pause for, the priest, or a deacon or another minister, says the following or other invocations with Kyrie, eleison (Lord, have mercy):

ℱ Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life: Lord, have mercy.

℟ Lord, have mercy.

ℱ Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins: Christ, have mercy.

Ⓡ Christ, have mercy.

ℱ Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood: Lord, have mercy.

Ⓡ Lord, have mercy.

The absolution by the Priest follows:

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

ℱ Amen.
GLORIA

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

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.

COLLECT

The priest, with hands joined, says:  
Let us pray.

And all pray in silence with the priest for a while. Then the priest, with hands extended, says the Collect prayer.

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption,  
look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters,  
that those who believe in Christ  
may receive true freedom  
and an everlasting inheritance.  
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.  
R Amen.
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 33: 7-9

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel

Thus says the LORD:
You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel;
when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me.
If I tell the wicked, “O wicked one, you shall surely die,”
and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way,
the wicked shall die for his guilt,
but I will hold you responsible for his death.
But if you warn the wicked,
trying to turn him from his way,
and he refuses to turn from his way,
he shall die for his guilt,
but you shall save yourself.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;
let us acclaim the rock of our salvation.
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.
For he is our God,
and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice:
“Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as in the day of Massah in the desert,
Where your fathers tempted me;
they tested me though they had seen my works.”
SECOND READING

Romans 13: 8-10

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:
Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.

The word of the Lord.

Rx Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See 2 Corinthians 5:19

∀ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Rx Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

Rx Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Jesus said to his disciples:
“If your brother sins against you,
go and tell him his fault between you and him alone.
If he listens to you, you have won over your brother.
If he does not listen,
take one or two others along with you,
so that ‘every fact may be established
on the testimony of two or three witnesses.’
If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church.
If he refuses to listen even to the church,
then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector.
Amen, I say to you,
whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven,
and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.
Again, amen, I say to you,
if two of you agree on earth
about anything for which they are to pray,
it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.
For where two or three are gathered together in my name,
there am I in the midst of them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then follows the Homily, which is to be preached by a priest or deacon on all Sundays and Holydays of Obligation; on other days, it is recommended.
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.  

_Here all bow:_  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate  
of the Virgin Mary, and became man.  

_Then they continue:_  
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.

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**Universal Prayer**

*At the end of each petition, the reader says:*

♂ We pray to the Lord.  
♀ Lord, hear our prayer.
THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY

Oravi Deum meum ego Daniel (Daniel 9: 4, 17, 19)
I prayed to my God, I, Daniel, and I said: “Hearken, O Lord, unto the prayers of your servant, and cause your face to shine upon your sanctuary; look with forgiveness upon this nation over whom your name has been invoked, O God.”

Meanwhile, the Priest, standing at the altar, takes the paten with the bread and holds it slightly raised above the altar with both hands, saying in a low voice:

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.

The priest then takes the chalice and holds it slightly raised above the altar with both hands, saying in a low voice:

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.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Standing at the middle of the altar, facing the people, extending and then joining his hands, the priest says:

Ὡ. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
Ὡ. 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.

Then the priest, with hands extended, says the Prayer over the Offerings.

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace,
graciously grant that through this offering,
we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty
and, by partaking of the sacred mystery,
we may be faithfully united in mind and heart.
Through Christ our Lord.
Ὡ. Amen.
Extending his hands, the priest begins the Preface Dialogue and the people reply:

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.
V. Lift up your hearts.
R. We lift them up to the Lord.
V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
R. It is right and just.

The priest continues with the Preface. At the end of the Preface he joins his hands and concludes the Preface with the people, singing or saying aloud:

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.

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THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

The priest shows the chalice to the people, places it on the corporal, and genuflects in adoration. Then he says:

The mystery of faith.

And the people continue, acclaiming:

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

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THE DOXOLOGY & GREAT AMEN

At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer, the priest takes the chalice and the paten with the host and, raising both, he says:

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.

And the people reply, acclaiming:

R. Amen.
THE COMMUNION RITE

*After the chalice and paten have been set down, the priest, says:

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

He extends his hands and, together with the people, continues:

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.

With hands extended, the priest alone continues, saying:

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant 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.

The people reply:

For the Kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever.

Then the priest, with hands extended, says aloud:

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 for
ever and ever.

Amen.

The priest, turned towards the people, adds:

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And with your spirit.
Then the priest takes the host, breaks it over the paten, and places a small piece in the chalice. Meanwhile, the following is sung:

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

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**INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION**

The priest genuflects, takes the host and, holding it slightly raised above the paten or above the chalice, while facing the people, says aloud:

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

*And together with the people he ads once:*

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, * but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

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**ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to possess You within my soul. Since I am unable at this moment to receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as being already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

*Vovete (Psalm 76:11, 12)*

Make vows unto the Lord your God, and accomplish them, all you who gather around him to present offerings; to the awesome God who takes away the life of princes; he is greatly feared by all the kings of the earth.
THE CONCLUDING RITES

Standing at the altar or the chair and facing the people, the priest says:

Let us pray.

All pray in silence. Then the priest says the Prayer after Communion.

Grant that your faithful, O Lord, whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son’s great gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his life. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R Amen.

Then the dismissal takes place. The priest, facing the people, says:

V The Lord be with you.
R And with your spirit.

The priest concludes with the blessing saying:

V May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
R Amen.

Then the deacon, or the priest himself, facing the people, says:

V Go forth, the Mass is ended.
R Thanks be to God.