

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

In nomine Domini (Philippians 2:10, 8, 11)

At the name of the Lord let every knee bend, in heaven, on earth and under the earth; for the Lord became obedient unto death, even death on the Cross; that is why Jesus Christ is the Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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:

✠ 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:

✠ 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):

✠ Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom: Lord, have mercy.

✠ **Lord, have mercy.**

✠ Lord Jesus, you come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness: Christ, have mercy.

✠ **Christ, have mercy.**

✠ Lord Jesus, you will come in glory with salvation for your people: 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.

✠ **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, who manifest your almighty power
above all by pardoning and showing mercy,
bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us
and make those hastening to attain your promises
heirs to the treasures of heaven.

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 18:25-28

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel

Thus says the LORD:

You say, "The LORD'S way is not fair!"

Hear now, house of Israel:

Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair?

When someone virtuous turns away from virtue

to commit iniquity, and dies,

it is because of the iniquity he committed that he must die.

But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed,

he does what is right and just,

he shall preserve his life;

since he has turned away from all the sins that he has committed,

he shall surely live, he shall not die.

The word of the Lord.

✠ Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 25: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

✠ Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;

teach me your paths,

guide me in your truth and teach me,

for you are God my savior. ✠

Remember that your compassion, O LORD,

and your love are from of old.

The sins of my youth and my frailties remember not;

in your kindness remember me,

because of your goodness, O LORD. ✠

Good and upright is the LORD;

thus he shows sinners the way.

He guides the humble to justice,

and teaches the humble his way. ✠

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-11

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

Brothers and sisters:

If there is any encouragement in Christ,
any solace in love,
any participation in the Spirit,
any compassion and mercy,
complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love,
united in heart, thinking one thing.

Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory;
rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves,
each looking out not for his own interests,
but also for those of others.

Have in you the same attitude
that is also in Christ Jesus,
Who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
something to be grasped.

Rather, he emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
coming in human likeness;
and found human in appearance,
he humbled himself,
becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name
which is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

℟️ Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See John 10:27

✠ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

✠ **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

✠ **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:28-32

✠ The Lord be with you.

✠ **And with your spirit.**

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

✠ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people:

“What is your opinion?

A man had two sons.

He came to the first and said,

‘Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.’

He said in reply, ‘I will not,’

but afterwards changed his mind and went.

The man came to the other son and gave the same order.

He said in reply, ‘Yes, sir, ‘but did not go.

Which of the two did his father’s will?”

They answered, “The first.”

Jesus said to them, “Amen, I say to you,

tax collectors and prostitutes

are entering the kingdom of God before you.

When John came to you in the way of righteousness,

you did not believe him;

but tax collectors and prostitutes did.

Yet even when you saw that,

you did not later change your minds and believe him.”

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.

THE NICENE CREED

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.

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 ANTIPHON

Super flumina Babylonis.

Upon the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down and wept, as we remembered you, O Zion.

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:

✠ Pray, brethren (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.**

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

Grant us, O merciful God,
that this our offering may find acceptance with you
and that through it the wellspring of all blessing
may be laid open before us.
Through Christ our Lord.

✠ **Amen.**

THE PREFACE & SANCTUS

Extending his hands, the priest begins the Preface Dialogue and the people reply:

✠ The Lord be with you.

✠ **And with your spirit.**

✠ Lift up your hearts.

✠ **We lift them up to the Lord.**

✠ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

✠ **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.

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.**

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:

✠ **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.

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 adds once:

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

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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Memento verbi tui. Ps 118: 49, 50

Be mindful of your word to your servant, O Lord, in which you caused me to hope; this has been my comfort in my affliction.

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.

May this heavenly mystery, O Lord,
restore us in mind and body,
that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ,
to whose suffering we are united
whenever we proclaim his Death.
Through Christ our Lord.

℟ Amen.

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

℣ The Lord be with you.

℟ And with your spirit.

The priest concludes with the blessing saying:

℣ May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

℟ Amen.

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

℣ Go forth, the Mass is ended.

℟ Thanks be to God.