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**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)  
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### THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

**Entrance Antiphon** or a hymn.

*Stand*  
Ps 118: 137, 124

**You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;  
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.**

*All make the Sign of the Cross as the Priest says:*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*The Priest greets everyone present.*

*The people respond:* **And with your spirit.**

*The Mass of the day may be introduced.*

### Penitential Act

*The Priest invites the people to repentance using one of the Penitential Acts.*

**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 in what I have  
failed to do,**

*And, striking their breast, they say:*

**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.**

*The Priest says the absolution. All reply:* **Amen.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

## The Gloria

Glo-ry to God in the high-est,  
and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-fy you,  
we give you thanks for your great glo-ry,  
Lord God, heav-en-ly King, O God, al-might-y Fa-ther.  
Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly Be-got-ten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther,  
you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us;  
you take a-way the sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer;  
you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us.  
For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,  
in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## The Collect

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.

**Amen.**

*Sit*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

33:7-9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, ‘Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.’

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v8

**R) O that today you would listen to his voice!  
Harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R)**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. **(R)**

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **(R)**

## Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

13:8-10

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Stand*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Your word is truth, O Lord,**  
**consecrate us in the truth.**  
**Alleluia!**

Jn 17:17

## Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

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 his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

"I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## The Homily

*Sit*

## **The Nicene Creed**

*Stand*

**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,  
*and by the Holy Spirit*  
*was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,*  
*and became man.***

*All bow*

**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.**

## The Prayer of the Faithful

*Response example:* Lord in your mercy.  
**Hear our prayer.**

*After the concluding prayer all say:* **Amen.**

*Sit*

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*The offerings are brought to the altar. A hymn may be sung.*

*The Priest may say the following two prayers silently.*

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 for ever.**

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 for ever.**

*The Priest completes additional personal preparatory rites,  
and the people rise as he says:*

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

*The people reply:*

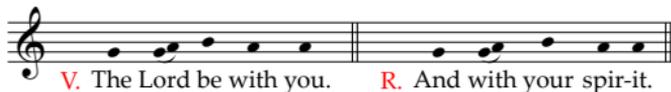
**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good  
and the good of all his holy Church.**

## 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.

**Amen.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer



## Preface VI of the Sundays in Ordinary Time

### The pledge of the eternal Passover

*(The Priest may use a different Preface.)*

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 in you we live and move and have our being,  
and while in this body  
we not only experience the daily effects of your care,  
but even now possess the pledge of life eternal.

For, having received the first fruits of the Spirit,  
through whom you raised up Jesus from the dead,  
we hope for an everlasting share in the Paschal Mystery.

And so, with all the Angels, we praise you,  
as in joyful celebration we acclaim:

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are  
 full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he  
 who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

## Eucharistic Prayer II

*(The Priest may use a different Eucharistic Prayer.)*

You are indeed Holy, O Lord,  
 the fount of all holiness.

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray,  
 by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall,  
 so that they may become for us  
 the Body and ✠ Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed  
 and entered willingly into his Passion,  
 he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it,  
 and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,  
 FOR THIS IS MY BODY,  
 WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

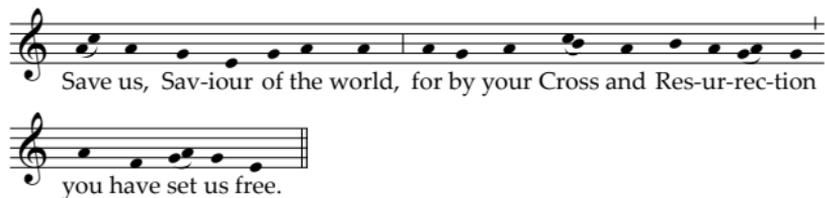
In a similar way, when supper was ended,  
 he took the chalice  
 and, once more giving thanks,  
 he gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,  
 FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,  
 THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,  
 WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY  
 FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The mystery of faith.

*The people continue, acclaiming:*



Save us, Sav-iour of the world, for by your Cross and Res-ur-rec-tion  
you have set us free.

Therefore, as we celebrate  
the memorial of his Death and Resurrection,  
we offer you, Lord,  
the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation,  
giving thanks that you have held us worthy  
to be in your presence and minister to you.

Humbly we pray  
that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ,  
we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church,  
spread throughout the world,  
and bring her to the fullness of charity,  
together with N. our Pope and N. our Bishop  
and all the clergy.

Remember also our brothers and sisters  
who have fallen asleep  
in the hope of the resurrection,  
and all who have died in your mercy:  
welcome them into the light of your face.  
Have mercy on us all, we pray,  
that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God,  
and blessed Joseph, her Spouse,  
with the blessed Apostles,  
and all the Saints who have pleased you  
throughout the ages,  
we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life,  
and may praise and glorify you  
through your Son, Jesus Christ.



Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father,  
in the unity of the Ho-ly Spir-it, all glo-ry and hon-our is yours,  
for ev - er and ev-er. **R.** A-men.

*Stand*

## The Communion Rite

*The Priest invites all to join in the Lord's Prayer:*

**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.**

*The Priest continues alone:*

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 Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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

*The Priest says:*

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.**

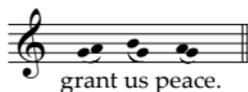
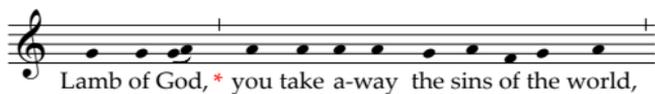
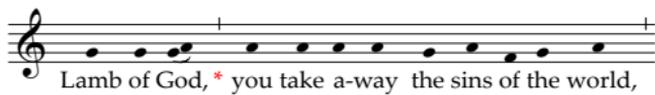
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And with your spirit.**

*The Deacon, or the Priest, adds:*

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*The Priest takes the host and breaks it.  
Meanwhile the people say or sing:*



*Kneel*

*The Priest shows the host to the people and says:*

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.

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

*The Priest or other minister says to each Communicant:*

The Body [Blood] of Christ.

*Each communicant answers:* **Amen.**

## Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 41: 2-3

**Like the deer that yearns for running streams,  
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;  
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.**

*After the distribution of Holy Communion a sacred silence  
may be observed or a psalm, hymn or canticle of praise may  
be sung.*

## Prayer after Communion

*Stand*

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.  
**Amen.**

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

*Announcements may be made.*

*Then:*

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And with your spirit.**

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

**Amen.**

*Then the Deacon, or the Priest, says:*

Go forth, the Mass is ended

Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

Go in peace.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Or:*

*Or:*

*Or:*



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