Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old."

(Cycle A)

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Opening Hymn

Earthen Vessels



Greeting

V. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

V. The grace and peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

R. And also with you.

PENITENTIAL RITE (C7)

Invitation to reflect on our faults and failings.

V To prepare ourselves to celebrate these sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our faults and failings and ask our heavenly Father in his mercy for his healing and forgiveness.

Pause for silent reflection.

V Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to the Father:



V Lord Jesus, you have given us the consolation of the truth:



Christe e-lé- i-son. bis

V Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd leading us into everlasting life:



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

Gloria





Dómi-nus. Tu so-lus Altíssimus, Je-su Chri-ste. Cum San-



cto Spí-ri-tu, in gló-ri- a De- i Pa-tris.

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

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.

Opening Prayer

God our Father, open our eyes to see your hand at work in the splendor of creation, in the beauty of human life. Touched by your hand our world is holy. Help us to cherish the gifts that surround us, to share your blessings with our brothers and sisters, and to experience the joy of life in your presence.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1 (1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12)

A reading from the First Book of Kings.

The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night. God said, "Ask something of me and I will give it to you." Solomon answered:

"O LORD, my God, you have made me, your servant, king to succeed my father David;

to succeed my father David;
but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act.
I serve you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a people so vast that it cannot be numbered or counted.
Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong.
For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?"

The LORD was pleased that Solomon made this request.

So God said to him:

"Because you have asked for this not for a long life for yourself, nor for riches,

nor for the life of your enemies,

but for understanding so that you may know what is right— I do as you requested.

I give you a heart so wise and understanding that there has never been anyone like you up to now, and after you there will come no one to equal you."

V. This is the Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130)



R. Lord, I love your commands.

I have said, O LORD, that my part is to keep your words.

The law of your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

Let your kindness comfort me according to your promise to your servants. Let your compassion come to me that I may live, for your law is my delight.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

For I love your command more than gold, however fine. For in all your precepts I go forward; every false way I hate.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

Wonderful are your decrees; therefore I observe them. The revelation of your words sheds light, giving understanding to the simple.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

Reading 2 (Rom 8:28-30)

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans:

Brothers and sisters:

We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

And those he predestined he also called; and those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified.

V. This is the Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (Cf. Mt 11:25)



Blessed are you, Father, Lord of <u>heaven</u> and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the <u>king</u>dom.



Gospel (Mt 13:44-52)

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

V. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Glory to you Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again,

and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls.

When he finds a pearl of great price,

he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind.

When it is full they haul it ashore

and sit down to put what is good into buckets.

What is bad they throw away.

Thus it will be at the end of the age.

The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace,

where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.

"Do you understand all these things?"

They answered, "Yes."

And he replied,

"Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household

who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old."

V. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.

Homily

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

All bow at these two lines

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered, died, and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of 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.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen

General Intercessions

The celebrant invites the congregation to pray and offers several prayer intentions. Each concludes, "We pray to the Lord."

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

The celebrant concludes the intercessions with a final short prayer ending with "... through Christ, our Lord."

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offering of the Gifts

V. Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

R. Blessed be God for ever.

 \tilde{V} . Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

R. Blessed be God for ever.

Prayer over the Gifts

V. Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

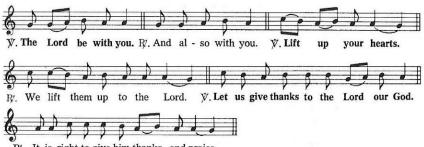
R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

Lord, receive these offerings chosen from your many gifts. May these mysteries make us holy and lead us to eternal joy.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Preface and *Sanctus* (Sundays in Ordinary Time I)

The Paschal Mystery and the People of God



R. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The celebrant recites or sings the Preface:

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through his cross and resurrection he freed us from sin and death and called us to the glory that has made us a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people set apart.

Everywhere we proclaim your mighty works for you have called us out of darkness into your own wonderful light.

And so, with all the choirs of angels in heaven we proclaim your glory and join in their unending hymn of praise:



tu-a. Ho-sánna in excélsis. Bene-díctus qui ve-nit



in nómi-ne Dómi-ni. Ho-sánna in excél-sis.

Eucharistic Prayer (I)

The celebrant prays the Eucharistic Prayer. After the consecration, the celebrant sings:

V. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.



The celebrant concludes the Eucharistic Prayer.

Through him, with him and in him in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father Forever and ever.



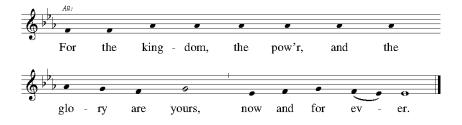
COMMUNION LITURGY

The Lord's Prayer

V. We pray confidently in the words our Savior taught us:



V. Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.



Exchange of Peace

V. Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

V. The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And also with you.

V. Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

Breaking of the Bread

As the bread is broken, we sing or say:

(Agnus Dei XVIII Deus Genitor Alme)



di: do-na no-bis pa-cem.

 \tilde{V} . This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

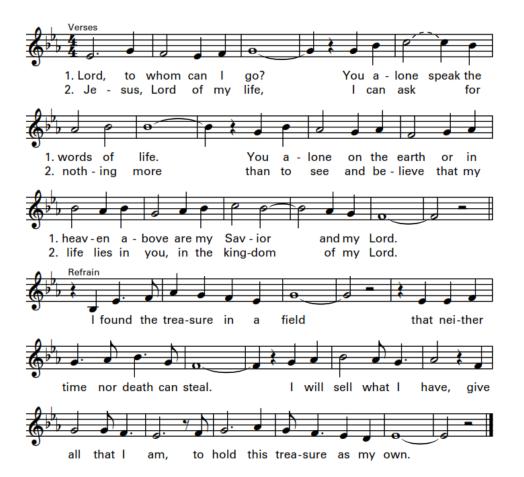
R. Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

To those receiving Communion (by intinction), the celebrant says:

V. The body and blood of Christ.

Communion Meditation

I Found the Treasure



Prayer after Communion

Lord,
we receive the sacrament
which celebrates the memory
of the death and resurrection of Christ your Son.
May this gift bring us closer to our eternal salvation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

CONCLUDING RITES

Prayer over the People (13)

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

. Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

Lord,

help your people to seek you with all their hearts and to deserve what you promise.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

V. And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit, come upon you and remain with you forever.

Concluding Hymn

To the Poor a Lasting Treasure

