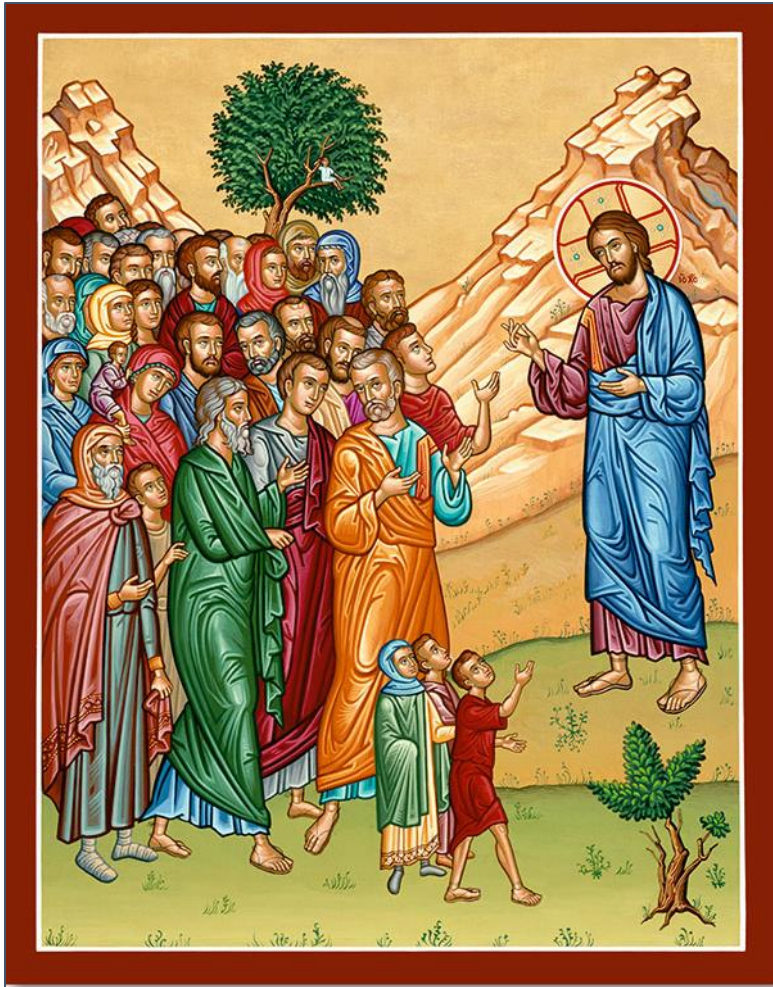


# Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



*"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled;  
but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."*

(Cycle A)

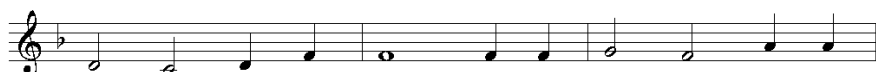
## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### Opening Hymn

#### Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



1. Lord, whose love in hum - ble serv - ice Bore the  
2. Still the chil - dren wan - der home - less, Still the  
3. As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, Till your  
4. Called from wor - ship in - to serv - ice, Forth in



weight of hu - man need, Who up - on the cross, for -  
hun - gry cry for bread. Still the cap - tives long for  
love's re - veal - ing light In its height and depth and  
your great name we go To the child, the youth, the



sak - en, Of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed: We, your  
free - dom, Still in grief we mourn our dead. As you,  
great - ness Dawns up - on our hu - man sight, Mak - ing  
a - ged, Love in liv - ing deeds to show. Hope and



ser - vants, bring the wor - ship Not of  
Lord, in deep com - pas - sion, Healed the  
known the needs and bur - dens Your com -  
health, good - will and com - fort, Coun - sel,



voice a - lone, but heart, Con - se - crat - ing  
sick and freed the soul, Use the love your  
pas - sion bids us bear, Stir - ring us to  
aid, and peace we give That your chil - dren,



to your pur - pose Ev - 'ry gift that you im - part.  
Spir - it kin - dles Still to save and make us whole.  
faith - ful serv - ice, Your a - bun - dant life to share.  
Lord, in free - dom, May your mer - cy know, and live.

## Greeting

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

**R. Amen.**

Ÿ. 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 (C6)

*Invitation to reflect on our faults and failings.*

Ÿ 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.*

Ÿ Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life:



Ÿ Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins:



Ÿ Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood:



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

**R Amen.**

# Gloria

*Priest/cantor:* *All:*

V **G** Ló-ri- a in excélsis De- o. Et in terra pax homí-

*Choir:* *All:*

ni-bus bonæ vo-luntá- tis. Laudá- mus te. Bene-dí- cimus

te. Ado-rá- mus te. Glo-ri- fi- cá- mus te. Grá- ti- as á- gi- mus

ti- bi propter magnam gló- ri- am tu- am. Dómi- ne De- us,

Rex cæ- lé- stis, De- us Pa- ter omní- pot- ens. Dómi- ne Fi- li

u- ni- gé- ni- te, Je- su Chri- ste. Dómi- ne De- us, Agnus

De- i, Fí- li- us Pa- tris. Qui tollis peccá- ta mun- di, mi- se-

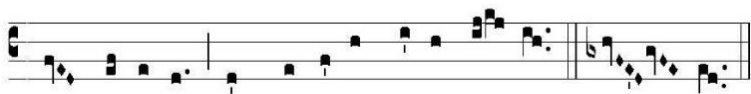
ré- re no- bis. Qui tollis peccá- ta mundi, sú- sci- pe depre-

ca- ti- ónem no- stram. Qui sedes ad dexte- ram Pa- tris, mi-

se- ré- re no- bis. Quó- ni- am tu so- lus sanctus. Tu so- lus



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



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

**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**

Father in heaven, God of power and Lord of mercy,  
from whose fullness we have all received,  
direct our steps in our everyday efforts.  
May the changing moods of the human heart  
and the limits which our failings impose on hope  
never blind us to you, source of every good.

Faith gives us the promise of peace  
and makes known the demands of love.  
Remove the selfishness that blurs the vision of faith.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

**℟. Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Reading 1 (*Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10*)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Malachi

A great King am I, says the LORD of hosts,  
and my name will be feared among the nations.  
And now, O priests, this commandment is for you:  
If you do not listen,  
if you do not lay it to heart,  
to give glory to my name, says the LORD of hosts,  
I will send a curse upon you  
and of your blessing I will make a curse.  
You have turned aside from the way,  
and have caused many to falter by your instruction;  
you have made void the covenant of Levi,  
says the LORD of hosts.  
I, therefore, have made you contemptible  
and base before all the people,  
since you do not keep my ways,  
but show partiality in your decisions.  
Have we not all the one father?  
Has not the one God created us?  
Why then do we break faith with one another,  
violating the covenant of our fathers?

℣. This is the Word of the Lord.

℟. Thanks be to God.

### Responsorial Psalm (*Ps 131:1, 2, 3*)



O LORD, my heart is not proud,  
nor are my eyes haughty;  
I busy not myself with great things,  
nor with things too sublime for me.

℟. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

Nay rather, I have stilled and quieted  
my soul like a weaned child.  
Like a weaned child on its mother's lap,  
so is my soul within me.

**℟. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.**

O Israel, hope in the LORD,  
both now and forever.

**℟. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.**

## **Reading 2** (*1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13*)

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Thessalonians:

Brothers and sisters:

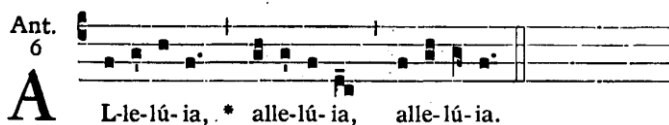
We were gentle among you, as a nursing mother cares for her children.  
With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you  
not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well,  
so dearly beloved had you become to us.  
You recall, brothers and sisters, our toil and drudgery.  
Working night and day in order not to burden any of you,  
we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.

And for this reason we too give thanks to God unceasingly,  
that, in receiving the word of God from hearing us,  
you received not a human word but, as it truly is, the word of God,  
which is now at work in you who believe.

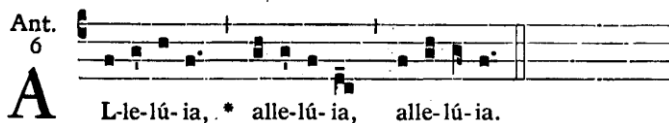
℣. This is the Word of the Lord.

**℟. Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation (*Mt 23:9b, 10b*)



You have but one Father in heaven  
and one master, the Christ.



## Gospel (*Mt 23:1-12*)

℣. The Lord be with you.

℟. And also with you.

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

*The celebrant and the people mark a cross on their foreheads (mind), their lips (speech) and over their hearts, asking the Lord to open them to his Word.*

℟. Glory to you Lord.

Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples, saying,  
"The scribes and the Pharisees  
have taken their seat on the chair of Moses.  
Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you,  
but do not follow their example.  
For they preach but they do not practice.  
They tie up heavy burdens hard to carry  
and lay them on people's shoulders,  
but they will not lift a finger to move them.  
All their works are performed to be seen.  
They widen their phylacteries and lengthen their tassels.  
They love places of honor at banquets, seats of honor in synagogues,  
greetings in marketplaces, and the salutation 'Rabbi.'



As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.'  
You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers.  
Call no one on earth your father;  
you have but one Father in heaven.  
Do not be called 'Master';  
you have but one master, the Christ.  
The greatest among you must be your servant.  
Whoever exalts himself will be humbled;  
but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

℣. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

℟. 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."*

**℟. Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

**℟. Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### Offering of the Gifts

℣. 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.

**℟. Blessed be God for ever.**

℣. 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.

**℟. Blessed be God for ever.**

### Prayer over the Gifts

℣. Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice 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 Church.**

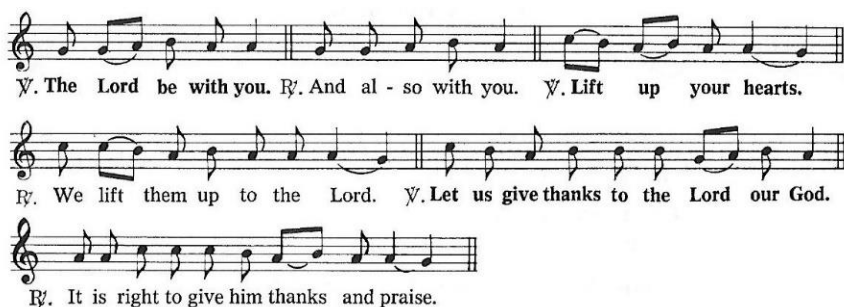
God of mercy,  
may we offer a pure sacrifice  
for the forgiveness of our sins.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**℟. Amen.**

## Preface and *Sanctus* (Sundays in Ordinary Time VII)

*Salvation through the obedience of Christ*



℣. The Lord be with you. ℞. And al - so with you. ℣. Lift up your hearts.

℞. We lift them up to the Lord. ℣. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

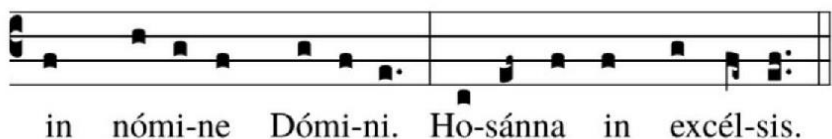
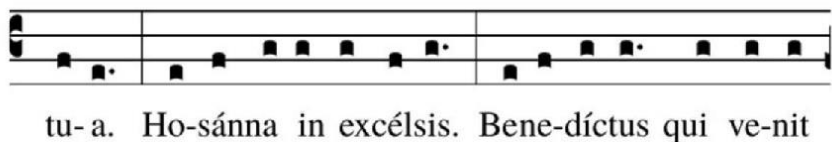
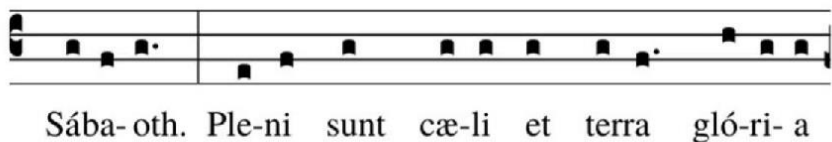
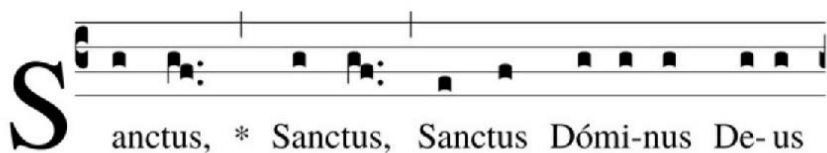
*The celebrant recites or sings the Preface:*

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,  
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks.

So great was your love  
that you gave us your Son as our redeemer.  
You sent him as one like ourselves,  
though free from sin,  
that you might see and love in us  
what you see and love in Christ.  
Your gifts of grace, lost by disobedience,  
are now restored by the obedience of your Son.

We praise you, Lord, with all the angels and saints  
in their song of joy:

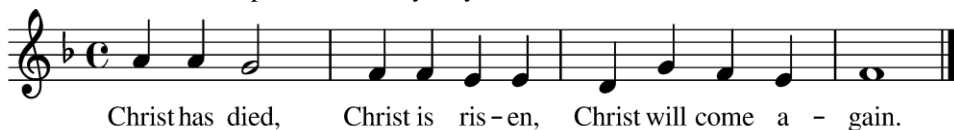
*(Sanctus XVIII Deus Genitor Alme)*



### Eucharistic Prayer (III)

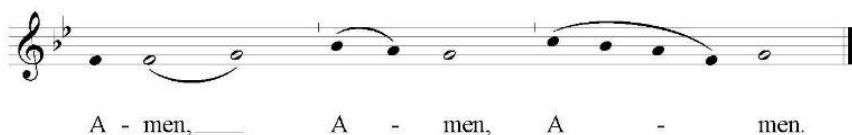
*The celebrant prays the Eucharistic Prayer. After the consecration, the celebrant sings:*

Ÿ. 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

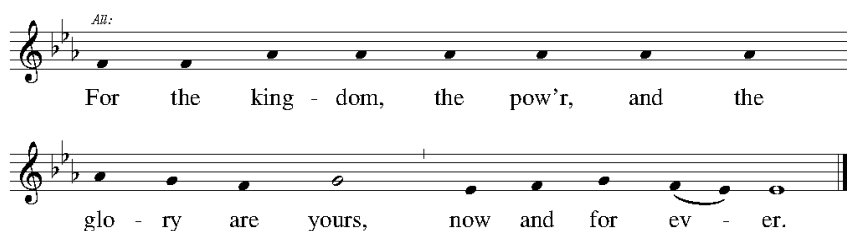
### The Lord's Prayer

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



Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal - lowed be thy name;  
thy king - dom come; thy will be done on earth as it  
is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly bread;  
and for - give us our tres - pass - es as we for - give  
those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not  
in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

℣. 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.



*All:*  
For the king - dom, the pow'r, and the  
glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er.

## Exchange of Peace

Ÿ. 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.**

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

**R. And also with you.**

Ÿ. 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)*

XII. s.

**A** -gnus De- i, \* qui tol-lis peccá-ta mundi : mi-se-  
ré-re no- bis. Agnus De- i, \* qui tol-lis peccá-ta mundi :  
mi-se-ré-re no- bis. Agnus De- i, \* qui tol-lis peccá-ta mun-  
di : do-na no-bis pa-cem.

Ψ. This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.  
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**℞. 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:*

Ψ. The body and blood of Christ.

**℞. Amen.**



## Communion Meditation

### Give Us Faith, Lord

**Refrain**



Give us faith, Lord, when the moun-tain's too high. Be our  
hope, Lord, when the road is too long. Teach us love, Lord;  
let it blaze in our hearts and shine to your glo-ry, O God.

**Verses**

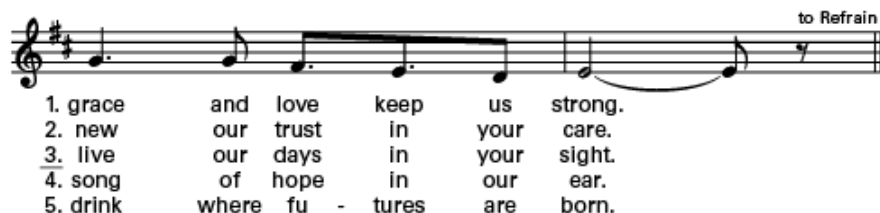


1. When the shad-ows of night sur-round us, and the  
2. When the win-ters have chilled our spir-its, and we  
3. When you bid us to stand be-fore you, and we  
4. When you send us to speak as proph-ets, and we  
5. When the des-ert be-comes a pris-on, and our

1. dark-ness has stilled our song, may the  
2. bat-tle our heart's de-spair, may the  
3. trem-ble be-fore your might, may we  
4. wa-ver in doubt and fear, may the  
5. spir-its are parched and worn, may our

1. light of your morn-ing bring joy to our hearts, your  
2. words of your prom-ise re-kin-dle our hope, re-  
3. find in your pres-ence the home that we seek, and  
4. staff of your cour-age be there at our side, your  
5. thirst be the hun-ger that lures us to you, to

**to Refrain**



1. grace and love keep us strong.  
2. new our trust in your care.  
3. live our days in your sight.  
4. song of hope in our ear.  
5. drink where fu-tures are born.

## Prayer after Communion

Lord,  
you give us new hope in this eucharist.  
May the power of your love  
continue its saving work among us  
and bring us to the joy you promise.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

**R. Amen.**

## CONCLUDING RITES

### Prayer over the People (20)

Ÿ. The Lord be with you.

**R. And also with you.**

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

May God bless you with every good gift from on high.  
May he keep you pure and holy in his sight at all times.  
May he bestow the riches of his grace upon you,  
bring you the good news of salvation,  
and always fill you with love for all his people.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

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

**R. Amen.**

## Dismissal

Ÿ. The Mass is end - ed, go in peace.

R. Thanks be to God.

## Concluding Hymn

### God, Give Me Faith Like a Child



1. God, give me faith like a child— faith of  
2. God, give me hope like a child— hope of  
3. God, give me love like a child— love of



hows, and whats, and whys; faith that won - ders,  
day - dreams and de - light; hope that seeks be -  
o - ver - flow - ing grace; love that's ea - ger



laughs, and cries; faith to grow, ex-plore, and  
yond my sight; hope that sings in spite of  
to em-brace; love that calls to dance and



find all that moves my search-ing mind— God,  
fear when the fu - ture is - n't clear— God,  
play ev - 'ry - one who comes my way— God,



give me faith like a child.  
give me hope like a child.  
give me love like a child.