

## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



*“For where two or three are gathered together in my name,  
there am I in the midst of them.”*

(Cycle A)

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### Opening Hymn

#### Gather Us In



1. Here in this place the new light is stream - ing,  
2. We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry,  
3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter,  
4. Not in the dark of build - ings con - fin - ing,



Now is the dark - ness van - ished a - way;  
We are the old who yearn for your face,  
Here we will take the bread of new birth,  
Not in some heav - en, light - years a - way—



See in this space our fears and our dream - ings,  
We have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
Here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,  
Here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



Brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
Call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
Now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en,  
Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty,  
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion,  
Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er,



Gath - er us in, the blind and the lame;  
Gath - er us in, the proud and the strong;  
Give us to eat the bread that is you;  
Gath - er us in and make us your own;



Call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
Give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,  
Nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
Gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



We shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
Give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
Lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

## Concluding Hymn

### Gather Your People, O Lord

**Refrain**



Gath-er your peo-ple, O Lord. Gath-er your  
peo-ple, O Lord. One bread, one bod-y, one  
spir-it of love. Gath-er your peo-ple, O Lord.

**Verses**



1. Draw us forth to the ta-ble of life:  
2. We are parts of the bod-y of Christ,  
3. No more harm on the moun-tain of God;  
4. Wash us, Lord, in the wa-ters of life;

1. broth-ers and sis-ters, each of us called to  
2. need-ing each oth-er, each of the gifts the  
3. swords in-to plow-shares. Free us, O Lord, from  
4. wa-ters of mer-cy, wa-ters of hope that

2 to Refrain



1. walk in your light.  
2. Spir-it pro-vides.  
3. hard-ness of heart.  
4. flow from your side.

## Greeting

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

**℟. Amen.**

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

**℟. And also with you.**

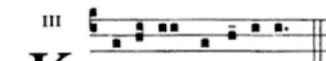
## PENITENTIAL RITE (C4)

*Invitation to reflect on our faults and failings.*

✠ 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.*

✠ Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and to the



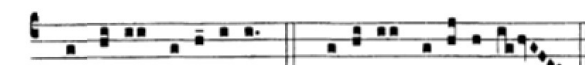
**K** Y-ri- e • e-lé- i-son. *bis*

Father:



Christe e-lé- i-son. *bis*

✠ Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division:



Ký-ri- e e-lé- i-son. Ký-ri- e e-lé- i-son.

✠ Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father:

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

**℟ Amen.**

## Gloria

*Priest/cantor:* *All:*

**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

## Prayer after Communion

Lord,  
your word and your sacrament  
give us food and life.  
May this gift of your Son  
lead us to share his life for ever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**℟. Amen.**

## Prayer over the People (23)

℣. The Lord be with you.

**℟. And also with you.**

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

Lord,  
come, live in your people  
and strengthen us by your grace.  
Help us to remain close to you in prayer  
and give us a sincere love for one another.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

**℟. Amen**

℣. 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.

**℟. Amen**

## Dismissal

℣. The Mass is end - ed, go in peace.  
℟. Thanks be to God.  
*Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.*

## Communion Meditation

### All Are Welcome



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And  
2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And  
3. Let us build a house where love is found In  
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -  
5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their

all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and  
words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren  
wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on  
yond the wood and stone To heal and strength - en,  
songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,

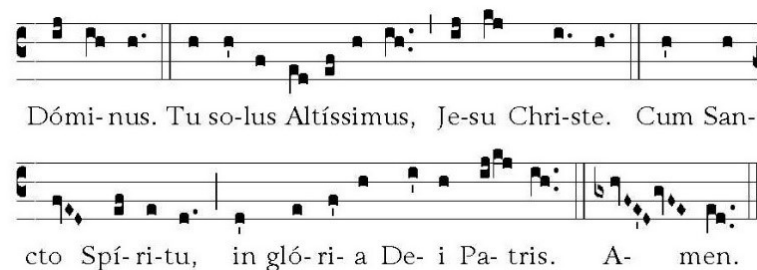
chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -  
dare to seek To dream God's reign a -  
ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice  
serve and teach, And live the Word they've  
taught and claimed As words with - in the

give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions,  
new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness  
meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus,  
known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger  
Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter,

Rock of faith and vault of grace; Here the  
And as sym - bol of God's grace; Here as  
Is re - vealed in time and space; As we  
Bear the im - age of God's face; Let us  
Prayers of faith and songs of grace, Let this

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
one we claim the faith of Je - sus:  
share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
bring an end to fear and dan - ger:  
house pro - claim from floor to raft - er:

all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.



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

Lord our God,  
in you justice and mercy meet.  
With unparalleled love you have saved us from death  
and drawn us into the circle of your life.

Open our eyes to the wonders this life sets before us,  
that we may serve you free from fear  
and address you as God our Father.

We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Reading 1 (EZ 33:7-9)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

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.

℣. This is the Word of the Lord.

℟. Thanks be to God.

### Responsorial Psalm (PS 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9)



℟. If to-day you hear his voice, hard-en 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.

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

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.

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

℣. 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:*

℣. The body and blood of Christ.

℟. Amen.



## Exchange of Peace

℣. 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.

℟. Amen.

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

℟. And also with you.

℣. 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)*



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.

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.”

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

## Reading 2 (ROM 13:8-10)

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans:

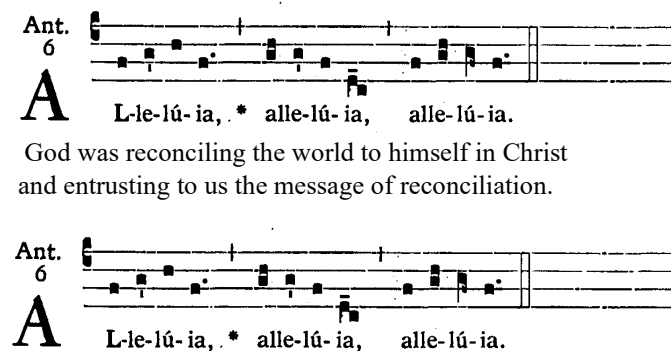
Brothers and sisters:

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.

℣. This is the Word of the Lord.

℟. Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation (2 COR 5:19)



Ant. 6  
A L-le-lú-ia, \* alle-lú-ia, alle-lú-ia.  
God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ  
and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.  
Ant. 6  
A L-le-lú-ia, \* alle-lú-ia, alle-lú-ia.

## Gospel (MT 18:15-20)

℣. 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 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.”

℣. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

℟. Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.

## Homily

## COMMUNION LITURGY

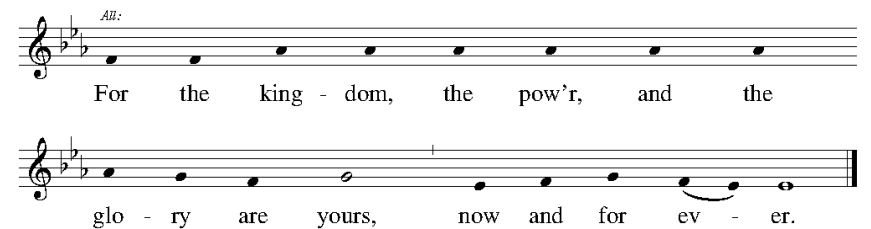
### The Lord's Prayer

℣. 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.



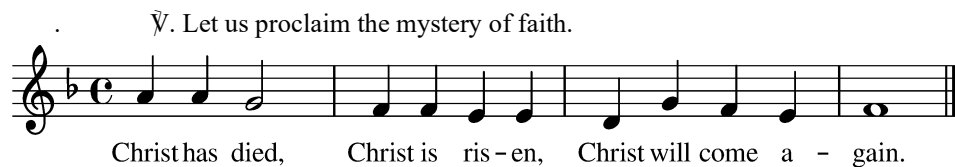
*(Sanctus XVIII Deus Genitor Alme)*



**S**anctus, \* Sanctus, Sanctus Dómi-nus De-us  
Sába-oth. Ple-ni sunt cæ-li et terra gló-ri-a  
tu-a. Ho-sánna in excélsis. Bene-díctus qui ve-nit  
in nómi-ne Dómi-ni. Ho-sánna in excél-sis.

### Eucharistic Prayer (III)

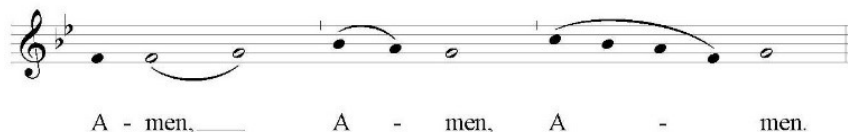
*The celebrant prays the Eucharistic Prayer. After the consecration, the celebrant sings:*



✠. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.  
Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain.

*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.



A - men, A - men, A - men.

### 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.**

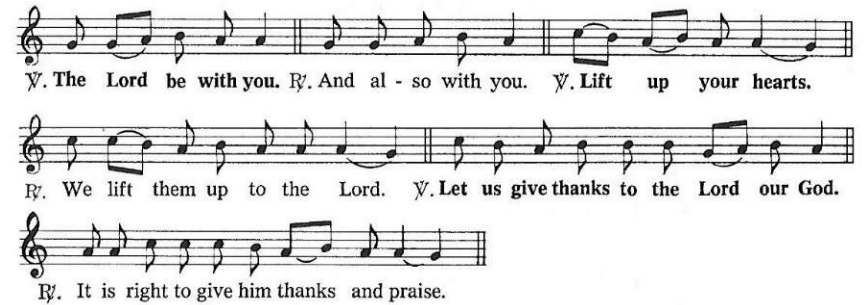
Lord,  
may this holy offering  
bring us your blessing  
and accomplish within us  
its promise of salvation.

Grant 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: