

# Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



“This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.”

(Cycle C)

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### Opening Hymn

#### Take Up Your Cross



1. Take up your cross, the Sav - ior said, If
2. Take up your cross, let not its weight Fill
3. Take up your cross, heed not the shame, And
4. Take up your cross, then, in his strength, And
5. Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, Nor



you would my dis - ci - ple be; Take up your cross with  
your weak spir - it with a - larm; His strength shall bear your  
let your fool - ish heart be still; The Lord for you ac -  
calm - ly ev - 'ry dan - ger brave: It guides you to a  
think till death to lay it down; For on - ly those who



will - ing heart, And hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.  
spir - it up, And brace your heart and nerve your arm.  
cept - ed death Up - on a cross, on Cal - v'ry's hill.  
bet - ter home And leads to vic - t'ry o'er the grave.  
bear the cross May hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

### Greeting

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

**R. 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.

**R. And also with you.**

### Concluding Hymn

#### Jesus, You Call Me Friend and Disciple



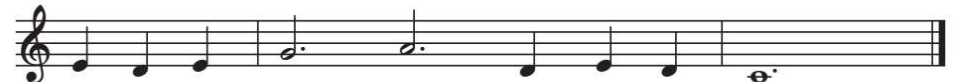
1. Je - sus, you call me friend and dis -
2. May all who seek you know you more
3. May all who know you love you more
4. May all who love you fol - low more



1. ci - ple, walk - ing be - side me day af - ter
2. clear - ly, learn from the Gos - pel what you in -
3. dear - ly, find - ing your like - ness in ev - 'ry
4. near - ly, trust - ing the God in whom we be -



1. day. How may I serve you? Help me to hear you.
2. tend: heal - ing, for - giv - ing, show - ing com - pas - sion,
3. face; see - ing our plan - et beau - ti - ful, frag - ile,
4. lieve: liv - ing more sim - ply, shar - ing a - bun - dance,



1. Read - y and will - ing, three things I pray.
2. kind - ness to fam - 'ly, ref - u - gee, friend.
3. car - ing for crea - tures none can re - place.
4. giv - ing as free - ly as we re - ceive.

## 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 in through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

## CONCLUDING RITES

### Solemn Blessing (13)

Y. The Lord be with you.

**R. And also with you.**

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

May the God of all consolation  
bless you in every way  
and grant you peace all the days of your life.

**R. Amen.**

May he free you from all anxiety  
and strengthen your hearts in his love.

**R. Amen.**

May he enrich you with his gifts of faith, hope, and love,  
so that what you do in this life  
may bring you to the happiness of everlasting life.

**R. Amen.**

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

**R. Amen.**

Y. The Mass is end - ed, go in peace.  
R. Thanks be to God.

## PENITENTIAL RITE (C2)

*Invitation to reflect on our faults and failings.*

Y 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.*

Y Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations  
into the peace of God's kingdom:

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Y You come in word and sacrament  
to strengthen us in holiness:

Gloria in excelsis Deo

Y You will come in glory  
with salvation for your people:

Gloria in excelsis Deo

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

**R 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

## Communion Meditation

### Be Still My Soul

1. Be still, my soul— the Lord is on thy side!  
2. Be still, my soul— thy God doth un - der - take  
3. Be still, my soul— the hour is has - t'ning on

1. Bear pa- tient - ly the cross of grief or pain;  
2. To guide the fu - ture as he has the past;  
3. When we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord,

1. Leave to thy God to or - der and pro- vide—  
2. Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake—  
3. When dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

1. In ev - 'ry change he faith - ful will re- main.  
2. All now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.  
3. Sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re- stored.

1. Be still, my soul— thy best, thy heav'n - ly friend  
2. Be still, my soul— the waves and winds still know  
3. Be still, my soul— when change and tears are past,

1. Through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.  
2. His voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.  
3. All safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

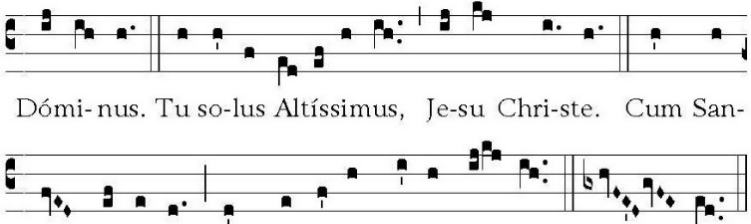
☩. This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.  
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**℞. 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.**



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

Let us pray to our just and merciful God.

*Pause for silent 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,  
that we may serve you free from fear  
and address you as God our Father.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

**℞. Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Reading 1 (*Wis 9:13-18b*)

A reading from the Book of Wisdom.

Who can know God's counsel,  
or who can conceive what the LORD intends?  
For the deliberations of mortals are timid,  
and unsure are our plans.  
For the corruptible body burdens the soul  
and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns.  
And scarce do we guess the things on earth,  
and what is within our grasp we find with difficulty;  
but when things are in heaven, who can search them out?  
Or who ever knew your counsel, except you had given wisdom  
and sent your holy spirit from on high?  
And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight.

∇. This is the Word of the Lord.

**℟.** Thanks be to God.

### Responsorial Psalm (*Pss 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17*)



You turn man back to dust,  
saying, "Return, O children of men."  
For a thousand years in your sight  
are as yesterday, now that it is past,  
or as a watch of the night.

**℟.** In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You make an end of them in their sleep;  
the next morning they are like the changing grass,  
Which at dawn springs up anew,  
but by evening wilts and fades.

**℟.** In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

## 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 mundi : do - na no - bis pa - cem.

## COMMUNION LITURGY

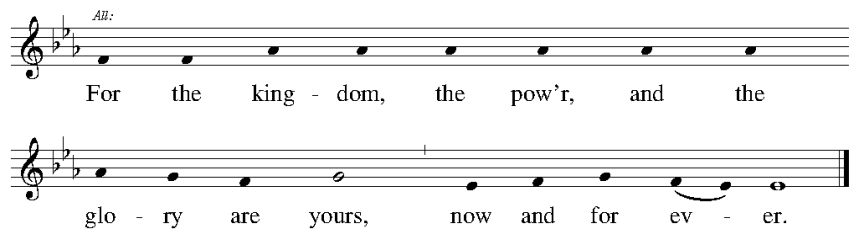
### The Lord's Prayer

Ÿ. 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.

Ÿ. 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.

Teach us to number our days aright,  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Return, O LORD! How long?  
Have pity on your servants!

**Ŕ. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,  
that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.  
And may the gracious care of the LORD our God be ours;  
prosper the work of our hands for us!  
Prosper the work of our hands!

**Ŕ. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

### Reading 2 (*Phmn 9-10, 12-17*)

A reading from the letter of Paul to Philemon.

I, Paul, an old man,  
and now also a prisoner for Christ Jesus,  
urge you on behalf of my child Onesimus,  
whose father I have become in my imprisonment;  
I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you.  
I should have liked to retain him for myself,  
so that he might serve me on your behalf  
in my imprisonment for the gospel,  
but I did not want to do anything without your consent,  
so that the good you do might not be forced but voluntary.  
Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while,  
that you might have him back forever,  
no longer as a slave  
but more than a slave, a brother,  
beloved especially to me, but even more so to you,  
as a man and in the Lord.  
So if you regard me as a partner, welcome him as you would me.

Ÿ. This is the Word of the Lord.

**Ŕ. Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation (Ps 119:135)



Let your face shine upon your servant;  
and teach me your laws.



## Gospel (Lk 14:25-33)

∇. The Lord be with you.

**R.** And also with you.

∇. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

*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.*

**R.** Glory to you Lord.

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus,  
and he turned and addressed them,  
“If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother,  
wife and children, brothers and sisters,  
and even his own life,  
he cannot be my disciple.  
Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me  
cannot be my disciple.  
Which of you wishing to construct a tower  
does not first sit down and calculate the cost  
to see if there is enough for its completion?  
Otherwise, after laying the foundation  
and finding himself unable to finish the work  
the onlookers should laugh at him and say,  
‘This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.’

*(Sanctus XVIII Deus Genitor Alme)*

sanctus, \* 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.

## 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:

Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down  
and decide whether with ten thousand troops  
he can successfully oppose another king  
advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops?  
But if not, while he is still far away,  
he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms.  
In the same way,  
anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions  
cannot be my disciple.”

℣. 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 peace and love,  
may our offering bring you true worship  
and make us one with you.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.