

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Wisdom 12:13.16-19

A reading from the book of Wisdom

In the place of sin, you give repentance.

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R. v.5

(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. (R.)
2. All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. (R.)
3. But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. (R.)

Second Reading

Romans 8:26-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Reader: From the holy Gospel according to Matthew

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Mt 13:24-43

Let them grow together until the harvest.

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I

shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

A short period of reflection may be observed.

Profession of Faith

Leader: In union with the whole Church let us profess our faith.

**All: I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**

At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow.

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of the Faithful

Leader: With trust in God’s faithful love, let us turn to the Lord in prayer.

1. We pray for the Church: that she may preach the justice and mercy of God with renewed conviction. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

2. We pray for all nations and people suffering through the pandemic: that through the skills of doctors and nurses, and the efforts of governments, the Covid-19 virus will be contained and defeated. Lord, hear us.

3. We pray that people in our communities will respect and follow the guidelines set down by those in authority to control the spread of Covid-19. Lord, hear us.

4. We pray for children, parents and teachers returning to home learning and the delicate balance of work and care. Lord, hear us.

5. We pray for the elderly, the housebound and all in our parish families during this time of isolation and restriction from public worship and activities. Lord, hear us.

6. We pray that the faithful departed, especially Kevin Doyle, William Harrison, ... and those who have died recently as a result of Covid-19 infection, and those whose anniversaries occur, will be gathered into the eternal harvest of the Kingdom. Lord, hear us.

Leader: God our Father,
you are good and forgiving.
Hear our prayers and open us to receive your Holy Spirit
and live every day at peace, through Christ our Lord.

The Lord's Prayer

Leader: At the Saviour’s command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: **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.**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.**

The Concluding Rite

Blessing

Leader: May the Lord be with us and protect us now and for ever.

All make the sign of the cross during the blessing.

All: **Amen.**

Dismissal

Leader: Let us go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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