

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
Sunday 09 Aug 2020
For Families and Households during Social Isolation

The Introductory Rites

Gathering

A Bible may be placed on a table together with a candle and a cross.

Sign of the Cross

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All: **Amen.**

Leader: Blessed be Jesus who makes us one, and strengthens us
by the power of his Spirit.
All: **Blessed be God forever.**

Leader

(in these or similar words):

Friends in Christ,
although we cannot celebrate the Eucharist this day,
we gather in God's name
for when two or more come together
God is always with us.
We worship in union with the whole Church
keeping this day of the Lord holy.

Leader: Before listening to the Word of God let us praise the Lord Jesus Christ.
A brief period of silence follows.

Leader: Lord Jesus, you show us mercy and love: Lord, have mercy.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Christ Jesus, you give us courage when we are afraid: Christ, have mercy.

All: **Christ, have mercy.**

Leader: Lord Jesus, in you justice and peace have embraced: Lord, have mercy.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

All: **Amen.**

Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray.

All pause for silent prayer.

Mighty God
your outstretched arm
commands the wind and the seas
and strengthens all who have faith in you.
Reach out to us when we are afraid.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

1 Kings 19:9.11-13

A reading from the first book of the Kings

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R.)**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **(R.)**
3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Romans 9:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Reader: From the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Matthew 14:22-33

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Command me to come to you over the water.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

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: We thank God for the generous love that we have received, and we come to God once more, conscious of all that we continue to need today.

1. For all those who enable the work of the Gospel to go on today, our Holy Father the Pope, our bishops and clergy, and all who cooperate with them. We pray to the Lord.
2. For those whose work helps our society to support us; in healthcare, education, security, utilities, industry and in any other way. We pray to the Lord.
3. For those overcome with fear and isolation: that in us they may hear the voice of Jesus saying, "Take heart, it is I, do not be afraid." We pray to the Lord.
4. For the staff and volunteers of CatholicCare: that they may be your presence to others and be blessed in the fulfilment of their work. We pray to the Lord.
5. For our parish and for our families: that we may support each other with our love and service; and for young people who fear for the future: that we may take their concerns seriously. We pray to the Lord.
6. For those who have died, especially ... who died recently, those who have died because of Covid-19, those whose anniversaries occur. We pray to the Lord.

Leader: Heavenly Father,
we thank you for watching over us
as we try to remain faithful to your word.
Be pleased to hear the prayers of our hearts
as we pray 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.**

© The scriptural quotations are taken from the Jerusalem Bible, published and copyright 1966, 1967 and 1968 by Darton Longman and Todd Ltd and Doubleday & Co Inc, and used by permission of the publishers.

The English translation of the Psalm Responses, the Alleluia and Gospel Verses, and the Lenten Gospel Acclamations, and the Titles, Summaries, and Conclusion of the Readings, from the Lectionary for Mass © 1997, 1981, 1968, International Committee on English in the Liturgy, Inc. All rights reserved.

The prayers are from the English Translation of the Roman Missal © 2010 International Committee on English in the Liturgy Inc. (ICEL). All rights reserved.