

SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICE
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
Sunday 11 Oct 2020
For Families and Households During Social Isolation

The Introductory Rites

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.

Litany of Praise

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 fulfil all our needs: Lord, have mercy.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Christ Jesus, you invite all to your lavish banquet: Christ, have mercy.

All: **Christ, have mercy.**

Leader: Lord Jesus, you are the saviour of the world: 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.

God our Father,
you open the doors
and welcome all to your feast of love.
May we ready and worthy when you call our names.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Is 25:6-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22. R. v.6

(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Phil 4:12-14. 19-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Mt 22:1-14

Reader: From the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection on the Word

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.**

Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful)

Leader: Let us turn to God our Father in prayer, asking him to keep us close to him and filled with the loving presence of his Son.

1. We pray for the Church: may she always be a haven of welcome to those in need, offering warmth and friendship, understanding and care. Lord, hear us.
2. We pray for our world: may governments work to build communities that respect the dignity of each person, especially those suffering from Covid-19, the poor, refugees and migrants, the homeless, the unemployed and the elderly. Lord, hear us.
3. We pray for all who work in the world of hospitality, especially in this time when many

are suffering financial and emotional difficulties and an uncertain future. Lord, hear us.

4. We pray for all the sick and needy members of our community: may we be constant in our care for them and see in them the presence of Christ among us. Lord, hear us.
5. We pray for all students, teachers, and school families as our schools re-open for onsite learning. Lord, hear us.
6. We pray for all who have died, those we have loved and those who have no one to remember them: may they all be received kindly into the kingdom of their Lord, especially Fr Charles Mc Bride, Margaret Mary Robertson, ... who died recently; those who have died with Covid-19, and those whose anniversaries occur. Lord, hear us.

Leader: God our Father,
accept our prayers
as we celebrate the great gift of your presence among us.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

All: **Amen.**

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 in peace, glorifying the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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