

SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICE
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
Sunday 18 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.

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

All: Lord Jesus, you are the King of glory: Lord, have mercy.
All: **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ Jesus, you call each of us by name: Christ, have mercy.
All: **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord Jesus, without you we are nothing: 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 most holy, you are the Lord of all.
We are made in your likeness and your name is written on our hearts.
Guide us in your ways and make our faith strong.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
for ever and ever.
All: **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Is 45:1.4-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:
It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know

from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. **(R.)**
2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. **(R.)**
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. **(R.)**
4. Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Thess 1:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Mt 22:15-21

Reader: From the holy Gospel according to Matthew,

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to 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.**

Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful)

Leader: Today, on World Mission Sunday, we remember the Church across the world and unite ourselves in prayer for each person, made in God's image and likeness.

1. For the Holy Father, Pope Francis and all bishops and priests: that they may be reflections of your compassionate love, mercy and tenderness every day. Let us pray to the Lord.
2. For leaders of nations and governments: that they might work together to eradicate the Corona virus, promote the dignity of each person, seek ways to end poverty and hunger, and encourage efforts to protect God's creation entrusted to our care. Let us pray to the Lord.
3. For all people working to support those with disabilities and their families, especially those working in Cambodia: that they will recognize, as brothers and sisters in the Lord, all whom they serve. Let us pray to the Lord.
4. For children whose lives are made more challenging by disability, and who experience restricted access to education and employment, especially those in Cambodia: that through our support they will have the opportunity to grow and thrive. Let us pray to the Lord.
5. For our partnered parishes, and all Church communities: that Mission Sunday will give an opportunity to reach out in love to those whom we will probably never meet, and deepen our awareness of the Universal Church. Let us pray to the Lord.
6. For the faithful departed, especially Charmon Jackson, Giuseppe Brogno, ... who died recently, those who have died with Covid-19; those who have died spreading the Gospel to the world; and all whose anniversaries occur. Let us pray to the Lord.

Leader: Merciful Father,
you call us to come out of ourselves in loving service of others.
May we be instruments of your love here in our parishes
and wherever we go.
Hear our prayers that all people will hear the Good News
of your love, 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

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 the peace to love and serve the Lord..

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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