

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021

# Thursday of Week 1 Ordinary Time.



All stand

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

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**

**Penitential Rite**

**I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,  
through my fault,  
through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

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

Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

**Opening Prayer:**

Let us pray.

Attend to the pleas of your people with heavenly care,  
O Lord, we pray,  
that they may see what must be done  
and gain strength to do what they have seen.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

All sit

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

The Holy Spirit says: *If only you would listen to him today; do not harden your hearts, as happened in the Rebellion, on the Day of Temptation in the wilderness, when your ancestors challenged me and tested me, though they had seen what I could do for forty years. That was why I was angry with that generation and said: How unreliable these people who refuse to grasp my ways! And so, in anger, I swore that not one would reach the place of rest I had for them.* Take care, brothers, that there is not in any one of your community a wicked mind, so unbelieving as to turn away from the living God. Every day, as long as this ‘today’ lasts, keep encouraging one another so that none of you is *hardened* by the lure of sin, because we shall remain co-heirs with Christ only if we keep a grasp on our first confidence right to the end.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Responsorial Psalm**

***O that today you would listen to his voice! ‘Harden not your hearts.’***

Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us:  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand.

***O that today you would listen to his voice! ‘Harden not your hearts.’***

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.

***O that today you would listen to his voice! ‘Harden not your hearts.’***

For forty years I was wearied of these people  
and I said: “Their hearts are astray,  
these people do not know my ways.”  
Then I took an oath in my anger:  
“Never shall they enter my rest.”

***O that today you would listen to his voice! ‘Harden not your hearts.’***

All stand

Alleluia, alleluia!

Because of your love give me life,  
and I will do your will.

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**All Sit**

**The Homily**

**The Offertory**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  
for through your goodness we have received  
the bread we offer you:  
fruit of the earth and work of human hands,  
it will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  
for through your goodness we have received  
the wine we offer you:  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands,  
it will become our spiritual drink.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

All stand

## The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),  
that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God,  
the almighty Father.

The people reply:

**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 holy Church.**

## **Prayer over the Offerings**

May your people's oblation, O Lord, find favour with you, we pray,  
that it may restore them to holiness  
and obtain what they devoutly entreat.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right and just.**

## **Preface**

....as with one voice we acclaim:  
**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

All sit

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
until you come again.**

...Through him, and with him, and in him,  
O God, almighty Father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honour is yours,  
for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

All stand

**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.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,  
graciously grant peace in our days,  
that, by the help of your mercy,  
we may be always free from sin  
and safe from all distress,  
as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom,  
the power and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.**

**Prayer for Peace**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.**

All sit

**Invitation to Communion**

Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

### **Prayer of Spiritual Communion**

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
our brother and our friend,  
We have listened to your word and we gather around your altar.**

**While we cannot all be together and it is not possible for people to receive  
Holy Communion, we want you to know our love for you and your place in our  
lives.**

**You are the Bread of Life,  
You are Food for the Journey.  
Stay with us, Lord Jesus. Amen.**

All stand

### **Prayer after Communion**

Humbly we ask you, almighty God,  
be graciously pleased to grant  
that those you renew with your Sacraments  
may also serve with lives pleasing to you.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **The Concluding Rites**

#### **Blessing**

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**

May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

#### **Dismissal**

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.  
**Thanks be to God.**