

# TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

STAND

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** *Ps 118: 137, 124*

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;  
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

## ENTRANCE HYMN

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God,  
and his righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added  
unto you;

allelu, alleluia.

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
allelu, alleluia.*

Ask and it shall be given unto you,  
seek and ye shall find;  
knock and it shall be opened unto you;  
allelu, alleluia.

We do not live by bread alone  
but by ev'ry word  
that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Where two or three are gathered in my  
name,  
there am I in your midst;  
and whatsoever you ask I will do:  
allelu, alleluia.

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

People: **Amen.**

Grace to you and peace from God our  
Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**And with your spirit.**

### PENITENTIAL ACT

Brethren (Brothers and sisters),  
let us acknowledge our sins,  
and so prepare ourselves to  
celebrate the sacred mysteries.

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,

*Striking your breast as you say:*

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.



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*The absolution by the priest follows:*

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.**

### GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of  
good will.

We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great  
glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten  
Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the  
Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of  
the Father,  
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
**Amen.**

### COLLECT

O God, by whom we are redeemed  
and receive adoption, look graciously  
upon your beloved sons and  
daughters, that those who believe in  
Christ may receive true freedom  
and an everlasting inheritance.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your  
Son, who lives and reigns with you in  
the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

SIT

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

35:4-7

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

Say to all faint hearts,  
"Courage! Do not be afraid.  
"Look, your God is coming,  
vengeance is coming,  
the retribution of God;  
he is coming to save you."  
Then the eyes of the blind shall be  
opened,  
the ears of the deaf unsealed,  
then the lame shall leap like a deer  
and the tongues of the dumb sing for  
joy;  
for water gushes in the desert,  
streams in the wasteland,  
the scorched earth becomes a lake,  
the parched land springs of water.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Ps145:7-10.R.v.1*

**R. My soul, give praise to the Lord.**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

*2:1-5*

**A reading from the letter of St James**

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, "Come this way to the best seats"; then you tell the poor man, "Stand over there" or "You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest." Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



**STAND**

**ACCLAMATION**

*Sam 3:9;Jn 6:68*

**Alleluia, alleluia!  
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

*7:31-37*

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**



Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, "Ephphatha", that is, "Be opened." And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. "He has done all things well," they said "he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**STAND**

**PROFESSION OF FAITH**

**I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (All bow during the next three lines) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

**SIT**

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

**Raising the host, the priest says:**

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.**

**The priest pours wine and a little water into the chalice, saying quietly:**

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

**Raising the chalice, the priest says:**

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.**

**Bowing the priest says quietly:**

With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to you, O Lord.



*Then the priest washes his hands, saying quietly:*

Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity; and cleanse me from my sin.

— **STAND** —

*Facing the people the priest says:*

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

**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**

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace, graciously grant that, through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty and, by partaking of the sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart.

Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II**

*Preface II in Ordinary Time.*

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**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord. For out of compassion for the waywardness that is ours, he humbled himself and was born of the Virgin; by the passion of the Cross he freed us from unending death, and by rising from the dead he gave us life eternal.

And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end 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.**



— **KNEEL** —

You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness.

*The Priest joins his hands and, holding them extended over the offerings, says:*

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body ✠ and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,  
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,  
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,  
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,  
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,  
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.  
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

**The mystery of faith:**

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

*Then the Priest, with hands extended, says:*

Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you.

Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with Francis our Pope, N. our Bishop, his assistant Bishop(s), and all the clergy.

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face. Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her Spouse, with the blessed Apostles and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

*The Priest takes the chalice and the paten with the host and, elevating both, he says:*

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.**

— **STAND** —

**COMMUNION RITE**

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven . . .**

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.**

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**



The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And with your Spirit.**

*The priest may add these or similar words.*

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*The priest places a small piece of the host in the chalice saying quietly:*

May this mingling of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.

*Meanwhile the people sing or say:*

**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.**

— KNEEL —

*The priest says quietly:*

May the receiving of your Body and Blood, Lord Jesus Christ, not bring me to judgment and condemnation, but through your loving mercy be for me protection in mind and body, and a healing remedy.

*Raising the host the priest says:*

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.

*And together with the people he says once:*

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

May the Body of Christ keep me safe for eternal life.

*The Priest reverently consumes the Body of Christ.*

*Then he takes the chalice and says quietly:*  
May the Blood of Christ keep me safe for eternal life.

*The Priest raises a host slightly and shows it to each of the communicants, saying:*

The Body of Christ.

**Amen.**



**COMMUNION ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 41: 2-3**

**Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.**



### COMMUNION HYMN

*R: Lay your hands gently upon us, let their touch render your peace, let them bring your forgiveness and healing,  
lay your hands, gently lay your hands.*

**You were sent to free the broken-hearted.  
You were sent to give sight to the blind.  
You desire to heal all our illness.  
Lay your hands, gently lay your hands.**

**Lord, we come to you through one another,  
Lord, we come to you in all our need.  
Lord, we come to you seeking wholeness.  
Lay your hands, gently lay your hands.**

### PRIVATE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord, so often the eyes of my soul are blind to your light, my ears deaf to your word, my feet are lame as I stumble in the ways of your commandments, and when it comes to prayer, I am as one who is dumb.  
Yet, if only I would allow you to do so, you would transform my life.  
Down through the ages, you have done all things well; you even make the deaf hear and the dumb speak.  
Jesus, my God and my all,  
I believe you are really present within me, and from the depths of my soul you are telling me to have courage, not to be afraid, because you have come to save me.  
Poor though I am in merits, you will make me rich in faith.  
My Jesus, I do believe in you; I do hope in you; I do love you and want to love you more and more.  
O Lord, through the power of this Holy Communion, bring me to the kingdom you have promised to those who love you.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Grant that your faithful, O Lord, whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his life.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

### CONCLUDING RITES

— STAND —

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

*Bow head for the blessing – No.14*

May God bless you with every heavenly blessing, make you always holy and pure in his sight, pour out in abundance upon you the riches of his glory, and teach you with the words of truth; may he instruct you in the Gospel of salvation, and ever endow you with fraternal charity.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.  
**Amen.**

Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### RECESSIONAL HYMN

**(Tune: Tantum Ergo)**

**Lord, dismiss us with your blessing.  
Fill our hearts with joy and peace.  
Let us each, your love possessing,  
In our love for you increase.  
Come Lord Jesus, and refresh us,  
From our sins grant us relief.**

**Thanks we give and adoration  
For the Gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of your salvation  
In our hearts and lives abound.  
May your everlasting presence  
With us evermore be found.**