

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!**

COLLECT

O God, who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant, we pray, that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error

but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth.

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.

FIRST READING *1:13-15;2:23-24*

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Death was not God's doing, he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living.

To be - for this he created all; the world's created things have health in them,

in them no fatal poison can be found, and Hades holds no power on earth; for virtue is undying.

Yet God did make man imperishable, he made him in the image of his own nature; it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world,

as those who are his partners will discover.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 29*

Response:

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.

O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. (R.)

2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,

give thanks to his holy name.

His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life.

At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. (R.)

3. The Lord listened and had pity.

The Lord came to my help.

For me you have changed my mourning into dancing,

O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. (R.)

SECOND READING *8:7.9.13-15*

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

You always have the most of everything - of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection - so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things

difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life:

you have message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *5:21-43*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him.

Now there was a woman who had suffered from a haemorrhage for twelve years; after long and painful treatment under various doctors, she had spent all she had without being any the better for it, in fact, she was getting worse. She had heard about Jesus, and she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his cloak. 'If I can touch even his clothes,' she had told herself 'I shall be well again.' And the source of the bleeding dried up instantly, and she felt in herself that she was cured of her complaint. Immediately aware that power had gone out from him, Jesus turned round in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' His disciples said to him, 'You see how the crowd is pressing round you and yet you say, "Who touched me?"' But he continued to look all round to see who had done it. Then the woman came forward, frightened and trembling because she knew what had happened to her, and she fell at his feet and told him the whole truth. 'My daughter,' he said 'your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free from your complaint.'

While he was still speaking some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith'. And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.'

But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'Little girl, I tell you to get up'. The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.

The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who graciously accomplish the effects of your mysteries, grant, we pray, that the deeds by which we serve you may be worthy of these sacred gifts. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May this divine sacrifice we have offered and received fill us with life, O Lord, we pray, so that, bound to you in lasting charity, we may bear fruit that lasts for ever. Through Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL REFLECTION



What does the word 'family' mean to you? Who makes up your family?

What kinds of relationships should exist in families today? When these relationships don't exist or are not healthy, how can families cope?

In what ways do faith communities resemble families? Why do some of the same kind of problems that exist in families exist in faith communities? Do you think that the problems of faith communities are something new (see Paul's letters and the Acts of the Apostles)?

How does your family pray together? Worship together? Play together? Learn together? Be of service together? What are some of the priorities of your family?

How does your faith community do the same things listed above? What are the priorities of your faith community? If not, how can you go about changing them?

GOSPEL ACTION

Examine how you attempt to share your faith with your family members. List as many ways as you can to show how your faith community shares its faith with each other.

Readings – 14th Sunday Year B

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5

Second Reading: 2Corinthians 12:7-10

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6

Homily

27th June 2021

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Dear friends, last week we reflected on the power of Jesus who calmed the storm.

In the Gospel today we have 2 examples of great faith that are rewarded by and through the power of Jesus. Firstly, the woman who has been ill with a haemorrhage for many years and then Jairus, the synagogue official whose 12 year old daughter is seriously ill and who dies before Jesus is able to come to her.

The woman with the haemorrhage has been ill for 12 years and was desperate. She believed that if only she could touch the hem of the garment that Jesus was wearing she would be made well again (in those days it was believed that it was enough to touch the clothes of a holy person to be cured). She showed great determination to get through the crowds to Jesus and to touch his hem and she is cured immediately. Her faith was rewarded, and she tried to slip away back into the crowd. But Jesus who had felt the power go out of him sought her out and had a personal encounter with her. He treated her with great kindness and sensitivity, he commended her faith and spoke lovely words to her, **'Your faith has restored you to health; go in peace...'**

The little girl who is seriously ill is only 12 years old. How desperate her parents must have felt, in his desperation Jairus the girl's father pleaded with Jesus on her behalf and begged him for his help. We hear how the little girl dies before Jesus is able to get to her, but Jairus continued to have faith and he is wonderfully rewarded.

Jesus goes to the little girl and takes her by the hand and says **'Talitha, kum!'**, **'Little girl, get up.'** Immediately she got up and began to walk about. There is great gentleness, compassion and tenderness in this encounter and we see how Jesus showed such love not just for the little girl but also for her parents.

Two examples of how faith is rewarded through the power of Jesus. Both show us that even when humanly speaking there is no hope, with faith, the power of God, revealed by Jesus, can overcome anything even sickness and death itself. Mark holds up Jairus and the woman in the Gospel as examples of faith for us.

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The message of both healing stories is the same, Jesus says to us, 'do not be afraid, only have faith.' Let's pray together for the gift of faith this morning.

Sending you love and prayers, **Fr Phil x.**

Bidding Prayers and Spiritual Communion

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We place all our prayers before God our loving Father.

For the Church and for Christians everywhere: may they bear witness to the presence of God in their lives and have faith and trust in the power of God. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For ourselves: nourished by the Body & Blood of Christ may we reach out to all, especially those who are most in need. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the leaders of our world; may all they do be for the common good of the whole human family particularly those who are most poor and in need and for the care of the earth and all creation. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all peoples that they may be drawn together in unity and peace, we especially pray for peace in the troubled areas of our world. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all those in our parish who are sick, housebound or finding life difficult that that they may experience the power of the healing peace, love and grace of Christ. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For our parish and our local community: that through the grace of God we may hear the urgent cry of the earth and of the poor and be inspired to respond at this crucial time. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all the faithful departed especially **Connie Bell** and all those who have died recently: **“Eternal rest grant unto them...”**

For all those who mourn the loss of loved ones; may Christ’s message of hope in eternal life bring them comfort and consolation. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We ask Our Lady and all the Saints to join their prayers with ours as we say: **“Hail Mary...”**

Loving Father,
We offer these and all our prayers to you,
through Jesus your Son,
who is Christ Our Lord, Amen.

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Spiritual Communion

Prayer of St Alphonsus

My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.
I love you above all things and
I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come spiritually into my soul
so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever.
Amen.

CAFOD Prayer for Glasgow

Creator God,
We cry out to you
The earth is damaged and in chaos
People in poverty are suffering the most
Greed and consumerism are a disease
And your Church is too often asleep

Merciful Lord,
Protect your people and restore your earth,
Embolden governments to take action,
Awaken Church leaders
Give the youth influence
And guide businesses to change

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord
May we unite and be bold
Take heart and find hope in you,
Worship you with our lifestyles
Walk in your truth
and see justice and renewal in the earth

Amen