

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

COLLECT

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven.

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 11:25-29

A reading from the book of Numbers

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp'. Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps18

Response: The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)

2. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. (R.)

3. So in them your servant finds instruction,

great reward is in their keeping. But who can detect all his errors? From hidden faults acquit me. (R)

4. From presumption restrain your servant

and let it not rule me.

Then shall I be blameless,

clean from grave sin.

(R)

SECOND READING 5:1-6

A reading from the letter of St James

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them - listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL 9:38-43.45.47-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him'. But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant us, O merciful God, that this offering may find acceptance with you and that through it the wellspring of all blessing may be laid open before us. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May this heavenly mystery, O Lord, restore us in mind and body, that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ, to whose suffering we are united whenever we proclaim his Death. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

GOSPEL REFLECTION



How do you feel about your faith life? Have there been periods of great growth?

What were they and why do you think they happened?

Have you had periods of little growth in your faith life, times when the well ran dry? Why do you think this happens? How did you get through that period?

When you fail, especially in your faith life, are you able to back up easily? Do you think God judges you as harshly as you judge yourself?

Do you seem to repeat the same failures over and over? What do you learn from your failures?

Can failure ever become a success? Do you think good comes from trying even if you fail?

How do you feel when someone offers you forgiveness without you asking for it? Do you believe that God does the same, or must you seek God's forgiveness?

How hard is it to ask forgiveness from God? from each other?

GOSPEL ACTION

Do you know the Act of Contrition? If not, you can find it in a book of Catholic prayers, or ask a member of the parish staff to give you a copy. Use this prayer as a way to get in touch with your failures, and as a way to seek God's forgiveness. Vow to avoid the near occasions of sin.

Readings— 27th Sunday Year B

FirstReading:Genesis2:18-24
SecondReading:Hebrews2:9-11
Gospel:Mark 10:2-16

Bidding Prayers 26th September 2021 – 26th Sunday Ordinary Time Year B

Priest: Lord Jesus, in your mercy, listen to our prayers we offer in faith, hope and trust.

Reader:

For Christians Leaders: We pray especially for Pope Francis, Bishop Mark and Father Phil. May all Christian leaders be strengthened by the light of the Holy Spirit so as to nourish the Church they serve in holiness and love. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the Church: That we, the people of God, may love the Lord and our neighbour and serve each other with a spirit of generosity. May we strive to be good stewards of creation and respect all who are in need. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life: We pray especially for Sean Henry, the staff and students of the Beda Seminary in Rome and all those preparing for the Priesthood, remembering especially those of our Shrewsbury Diocese. May they discern wisely their calling in loving service of the Gospel.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For Christian unity: that Christians everywhere may seek unity and peace in recognising the work of the Holy Spirit among us. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For peace throughout the world, we pray particularly for the troubled areas of our world and for an end to hatred and violence. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all those in our parish who are sick, housebound or in hospital that they may experience the healing and peace which only the Lord can give. We pray also for all those who care for them, that they may be generous in their compassion and blessed in their commitment.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all the faithful departed especially Harry Lockwood and all whose anniversaries occur about this time: "Eternal rest grant unto them..."

We ask Our Lady of Walsingham to join her prayers with ours as we say: "Hail Mary..."

For a moment in silence we bring our own private prayers and intentions before the Lord.

Priest: Loving Father, We offer these and all our prayers to you, through the Divine Heart of Jesus, who is Lord forever and ever. Amen

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