

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All the earth shall bow down before you,
O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing
to your name, O Most High!

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. 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 62:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

About Zion I will not be silent,
about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,
until her integrity shines out like the dawn
and her salvation flames like a torch.
The nations then will see your integrity,
all the kings your glory,
and you will be called by a new name,
one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.

You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord,
a princely diadem in the hand of your God;
no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken',
nor your land 'Abandoned',
but you shall be called 'My Delight'
and your land 'The Wedded';
for the Lord takes delight in you
and your land will have its wedding.
Like a young man marrying a virgin,
so will the one who built you wed you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride,
so will your God rejoice in you.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 95

Response: Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name. (R.)

2. Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)

3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name. (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 12:4-11

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

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in

different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Your words are spirit, Lord,
and they are life:
you have the message of eternal life
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL 2:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine'. Jesus said 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you'. There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water', and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from - only the servants who had drawn the water knew - the steward called the bridegroom and said; 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now'.

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that we may participate worthily in these mysteries, for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated the work of our redemption is accomplished. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice that
quenches my thirst.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love, and in your kindness make those you have nourished by this one heavenly Bread one in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL REFLECTION



If you profess to be Christian, by what standards will your actions be guided? Does being a Christian establish different standards for you than it might for people who are not Christian?

How might the bickering and arguing among various Christian denominations appear to someone who is not Christian?

Does putting yourself last mean that you are weak? How can strength come from being last?

How is humility at odds with the standards of our culture? Can you live according to the standards of the gospel and, at the same time, live by the standards of society? Why or why not?

How can you learn to spend more time with those who really need your presence and your help?

How do you judge the faith of someone else? Do you always know what is in the hearts of the people around you? Can good Christians live out their faith in a private way? Why or why not?

GOSPEL ACTION

Share your faith with someone you don't know well but who has struck you as being a faith-filled person. Investigate how others in your faith community are being of service; join one of these people to learn more about their ministry.

Readings – 3rd Sunday Yr C

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-6.8-10

Second Reading: 1Corinthians 12:12-.30

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4,4:14-21

Homily

16th January 2022 – 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

Dear friends, today on this second Sunday of Ordinary Time we celebrate Peace Sunday. In the news this week we have had one of the world's best tennis players, a member of the Royal family and the Prime Minister taking centre stage for different reasons. I think we are all aware of the need for peace as we try to rebuild communities here at home and around the world after what has been another difficult year.

Our Christian message of peace can offer hope and direction in these times. Pope Francis in his message for the World Day of Peace said, 'All can work together to build a more peaceful world starting with the hearts of individuals and relationships in the family, then within society and with the environment and all the way up to relationships between peoples and nations.'

As Pope Francis says peace starts with individuals and we can all make a difference in our little ways, I wonder how peaceful you are feeling today?

I love the hymn ***Make me a channel of your Peace***, which is based on the prayer of St Francis, the words are beautiful and perhaps worth reflecting on in our prayer this week:

*Make me a channel of your peace, where there is hatred let me bring love,
where there is injury your pardon, Lord.*

And where there's doubt true faith in you.

*Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope and where there's sadness ever
joy.*

*It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

As we pray this beautiful prayer let's pray that we will be channels of the Lord's unity and peace in our lives and that through us others may experience the unity, love and the peace that only Jesus can bring.

As we reflect on unity and peace the other thing that is important for us to focus on this weekend and over the next few weeks is the synodal process and the invitation from Pope Francis to 'journey together'. It has been good for us to say the synod prayer every day and I am pleased to see that a number of people and groups have already met to discuss the fundamental question of how we are 'journeying together' and what steps the Holy Spirit is inviting us to take in order to grow in our 'journeying together.'

Homily

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This is the first phase of the process towards the Synod in Rome in October 2023, **For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission**. As I said before Christmas it is an invitation for us and all Catholics to 'walk together' and have our voices heard; it is a prayerful process of listening to the Holy Spirit speaking to us, and then listening to one another. I repeat what I said on the Feast of Christ the King, I think that this is an important and exciting time as we reflect on how we will 'journey together' as a Church over the years to come. Let's use these next weeks well as we pray together and reflect on the how the Holy Spirit is inviting us to grow in our 'journeying together.'

It is important that as many people as possible are given the opportunity to take part in this process and there is a suggested format for group consultation or individuals to use that we have put together which is available this weekend along with the questions for reflection again. Deacon Jim and myself are available if anyone wants to speak to us or to help in any way.

May the peace of the Lord be with you, God bless, **Fr Phil x.**

Bidding Prayers and Synod Prayer

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Priest:

On this Peace Sunday we bring all our prayers before Our Heavenly Father.

Reader:

For the Church and Christians everywhere: may they be channels of peace reflecting the unity, love and peace of the Lord in our world today.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For peace throughout our world and an end to violence, hatred and division everywhere. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For those who are suffering or in need: following the example of Christ may we always help and serve them with love, generosity and compassion.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For ourselves: may we be good stewards of Creation as we encourage one another in ways of living on Earth wisely, sustainably, justly and reverently.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For those in our parish who are sick or housebound: may they come to know the love, peace and the comforting presence of Christ.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the faithful departed especially **Elizabeth Naylor, Eric and Barbara Bushell, Elsie Pollitt, Steve Kyprianou** and all who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: **“Eternal rest grant unto them...”**

We pray through the intercession of Mary our mother: **“Hail Mary...”**

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 your Son Jesus,
who is Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Bidding Prayers and Synod Prayer

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Synod Prayer

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. **Amen**