

SUNDAY LITURGY AT HOME

Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Lauds (Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours) combined with the readings of Mass and an Act of Spiritual Communion, for praying in our homes either as a family or by ourselves. If you are praying as a family one person leads, the others say the words in bold.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Introduction

✠ O God, ✠ come to our aid
✠ O Lord, make haste to help us

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Alleluia!

Hymn

All creatures of our God and king,
Lift up your voice and with us sing:
Alleluia! alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam:
O praise him, O praise him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice:
O praise him, O praise him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou flowing water pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear:
Alleluia! alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light:
O praise him, O praise him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part:
O sing ye, alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on him cast your care:
O praise him, O praise him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PSALMODY

Song of rejoicing in salvation

Ps 117(118)

This is the stone which was rejected by you builders, but which has become the cornerstone (Acts 4:11)

Ant 1: Give thanks to the Lord, * **for his great love is without end. Alleluia!**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love endures for ever.

Let the sons of Israel say:
‘His love endures for ever.’

Let the sons of Aaron say:
‘His love endures for ever.’

Let those who fear the Lord say:
‘His love endures for ever.’

I called to the Lord in my distress;
he answered and freed me.
The Lord is at my side; I do not fear.
What can man do against me?
The Lord is at my side as my helper;
I shall look down on my foes.

**It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in men;
it is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes.**

The nations all encompassed me;
in the Lord’s name I crushed them.
They compassed me, compassed me about;
in the Lord’s name I crushed them.
They compassed me about like bees;
they blazed like a fire among thorns.
In the Lord’s name I crushed them.

**I was hard-pressed and was falling,
but the Lord came to help me.
The Lord is my strength and my song;
he is my saviour.
There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just.**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me.
The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,
but not doomed to die.

**Open to me the gates of holiness:
I will enter and give thanks.
This is the Lord's own gate
where the just may enter.
I will thank you for you have answered
and you are my saviour.**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad.

Ant 1: Give thanks to the Lord, for his great love is without end. Alleluia!

Let every creature praise the Lord

Dan 3:52-57

The Creator is blessed for ever (Rom 1:25)

Ant 2: Alleluia. * All works of the Lord, bless the Lord! Alleluia!

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.
To you glory and praise for evermore.

**Blest your glorious holy name.
To you glory and praise for evermore.**

You are blest in the temple of your glory.
To you glory and praise for evermore.

**You are blest who gaze into the depths.
To you glory and praise for evermore.**

You are blest in the firmament of heaven.
To you glory and praise for evermore.

**You who walk on the wings of the wind.
To you glory and praise for evermore.**

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Praise the Lord

Ps 150

Sing praise in your spirit, sing praise with your soul, that is: give glory to God in both your soul and your body (Hesychius)

Ant 3: Let everything that breathes * give praise to the Lord! Alleluia!

Praise God in his holy place,
praise him in his mighty heavens.
Praise him for his powerful deeds,
praise his surpassing greatness.

**O praise him with sound of trumpet,
praise him with lute and harp.
Praise him with timbral and dance,
praise him with strings and pipes.**

**O Lord, grant us salvation;
O Lord, grant success.
Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
the Lord God is our light.**

Go forward in procession with branches
even to the altar.
You are my God, I thank you.
My God, I praise you.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
for his love endures for ever.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,**
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

May they bless you, the saints and the angels.
To you glory and praise for evermore.

**From the heavens, the earth and the sea.
To you glory and praise for evermore.**

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.
To you glory and praise for evermore.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,**
as it was in the beginning,
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COLLECT OF THE MASS

Let us pray.

Show favour, O Lord, to your servants
and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace,
that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity,
they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands.
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.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

You will grant repentance after sin.

A reading from the book of wisdom

There is no god, other than you, who cares for every thing,
to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly;
Your justice has its source in strength,
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.
You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned
and you expose the insolence of those who know it;
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement,
you govern us with great lenience,
for you have only to will, and your power is there.
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people
how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men,
and you have given your sons the good hope
that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord.

℟️ Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 85(86):5-6, 9-1, 15-6

℟️ O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. **℟️**

All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. **℟️**

But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. **℟️**

The Spirit himself expresses our plea in ways that could never be put into words.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The word of the Lord.

✠ **Thanks be to God.**

 Gospel Acclamation

Ephesians 1:17, 18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

Enlighten the eyes of our mind,

So that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

Alleluia!

 Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:24-43

Let them both grow till harvest.

A reading from the Holy Gospel ✠ according to Matthew.

✠ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus put another parable before the crowds: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

He put another parable before them: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through."

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables

and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

 Reflection

A time for either silent reflection by oneself, or sharing amongst the household

PRAYER AND SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Intercessions

In real humility of heart let us pray to God who cares for everyone, saying:

℟ Lord, have mercy on your people.

Defend the church against all danger. ℟

Protect Francis our Pope. ℟

Be the strength of Patrick our Bishop. ℟

Keep our parish united in prayer. ℟

Save your people. ℟

Preserve the world in peace. ℟

Bring light to those who do not believe. ℟

Guide the rulers of all nations. ℟

Come to the aid of the poor. ℟

Comfort the afflicted. ℟

Guide and strengthen healthcare workers. ℟

Bring an end to the coronavirus. ℟

Have mercy on the dead. ℟

We pause to make our own prayers.

We ask Mary to place the whole world under her maternal protection, saying:

**Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Our Father

Let us pray together in the words Jesus taught us, saying:

**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.**

Spiritual Communion

Spend a few moments in silence, then pray asking Jesus to make his home in your heart:

**My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.
I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there
and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING AND CONCLUSION

The Benedictus

Luke 1:68-79

The Messiah and the one who was sent before him

Ant: The kingdom of heaven * **is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.**

Blessed be the Lord, ✠ the God of Israel!
He has visited his people and redeemed them.

**He has raised up for us a mighty saviour
in the house of David his servant,
as he promised by the lips of holy men,
those who were his prophets from of old.**

A saviour who would free us from our foes,
from the hands of all who hate us.
So his love for our fathers is fulfilled
and his holy covenant remembered.

**He swore to Abraham our father to grant us,
that free from fear,
and saved from the hands of our foes,
we might serve him in holiness and justice
all the days of our life in his presence.**

As for you, little child,
you shall be called a prophet of God, the Most High.
You shall go ahead of the Lord
to prepare his ways before him,

**To make known to his people their salvation
through forgiveness of all their sins,
the loving-kindness of the heart of our God
who visits us like the dawn from on high.**

He will give light to those in darkness,
those who dwell in the shadow of death,
and guide us into the way of peace.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,**
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

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Blessing

The Lord bless us, ✠ and keep us from all evil,
and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**