

SUNDAY LITURGY AT HOME

Seventeenth 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

St John Henry Newman

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise,
In all his words most wonderful,
Most sure in all his ways.

O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
A second Adam to the fight
And to the rescue came.

O wisest love! that flesh and blood
Which did in Adam fail,
Should strive afresh against their foe,
Should strive and should prevail.

And that a higher gift than grace
Should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and his very self,
And essence all divine.

O generous love! that he who smote
In man for man the foe
The double agony in man
For man should undergo.

And in the garden secretly
And on the cross on high,
Should teach his brethren, and inspire
To suffer and to die.

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And in the depth be praise,
In all his words most wonderful,
Most sure in all his ways.

PSALMODY

A soul thirsting for God

Ps 62:2-9

Let the man who has put away the deeds of the night watch for God

Ant 1: To you, O God, * **I keep vigil at dawn, to look upon your power. Alleluia!**

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water.
So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.

**For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise.
So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy.**

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.

**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.**

Ant 1: To you, O God, I keep vigil at dawn, to look upon your power. Alleluia!

Praise our God, all you his servants (Apoc 19:5)

Ant 2: The three sang with one voice * **in the heart of the fire: Blessed be God. Alleluia!**

O all you works of the Lord, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

**And you, angels of the Lord, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.**

And you, the heavens of the Lord, O bless the
Lord.

And you, clouds of the sky, O bless the Lord.
And you, all armies of the Lord, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

**And you, sun and moon, O bless the Lord.
And you, the stars of the heavens, O bless the
Lord.**

**And you, showers and rain, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.**

And you, all you breezes and winds, O bless the
Lord.

And you, fire and heat, O bless the Lord.
And you, cold and heat, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

**And you, showers and dew, O bless the Lord.
And you, frosts and cold, O bless the Lord.
And you, frost and snow, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.**

And you, night-time and day, O bless the Lord.
And you, darkness and light, O bless the Lord.
And you, lightning and clouds, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

**O let the earth bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.**

And you, mountains and hills, O bless the Lord.
And you, all plants of the earth, O bless the Lord.
And you, fountains and springs, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

**And you, rivers and seas, O bless the Lord.
And you, creatures of the sea, O bless the Lord.
And you, every bird in the sky, O bless the Lord.
And you, wild beasts and tame, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.**

And you, children of men, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

**O Israel, bless the Lord, O bless the Lord.
And you, priests of the Lord, O bless the Lord.
And you, servants of the Lord, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.**

And you, spirits and souls of the just, O bless the Lord.
And you, holy and humble of heart, O bless the Lord.
Ananias, Azarias, Mizael, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

**Let us praise the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit:
To you be highest glory and praise for ever.
May you be blessed, O Lord, in the heavens:
To you be highest glory and praise for ever.**

Ant 2: **The three sang with one voice in the heart of the fire: Blessed be God. Alleluia!**

The song of joy of the saints

Ps 149

The members of the Church, God's new people, will rejoice in their king, who is Christ (Hesychius)

Ant 3: Let Zion's sons * **exult in their king. Alleluia!**

Sing a new song to the Lord,
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.
Let Israel rejoice in its Maker,
let Zion's sons exult in their king.
Let them praise his name with dancing
and make music with timbrel and harp.

**For the Lord takes delight in his people.
He crowns the poor with salvation.
Let the faithful rejoice in their glory,
shout for joy and take their rest.
Let the praise of God be on their lips
and a two-edged sword in their hand,**

to deal out vengeance to the nations
and punishment on all the peoples;
to bind their kings in chains
and their nobles in fetters of iron;
to carry out the sentence pre-ordained:
this honour is for all his faithful.

**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.

Ant 3: Let Zion's sons exult in their king. Alleluia!

COLLECT OF THE MASS

Let us pray.

O God, protector of those who hope in you,
without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy,
bestow in abundance your mercy upon us
and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide,
we may use the good things that pass
in such a way as to hold fast even now
to those that ever endure.
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

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Solomon chooses the gift of wisdom.

A reading from the first book of kings.

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, ‘Ask what you would like me to give you.’ Solomon replied, ‘O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its number cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?’ It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. ‘Since you have asked for this’ the Lord said ‘and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.’

The word of the Lord.

℟️ Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118(119):57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

℟️ Lord, how I love your law!

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold. **℟️**

Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come and I shall live
for your law is my delight. **℟️**

That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold,
why I rule my life by your precepts,
and hate false ways. **℟️**

Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. **℟️**

Second Reading

Romans 8:28-30

Those he called, he justified.

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

We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

The word of the Lord.

℟️ Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, alleluia!
 I call you friends, says the Lord,
 because I have made known to you
 everything I have learnt from my Father.
 Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:44-52

He sells everything he owns and buys the field

A reading from the Holy Gospel ✠ according to Matthew.

✠ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

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 a dragnet cast into the sea. *** When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use.**

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.**

Ant: The kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea. **When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use.**

Blessing

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